

GROWING COMMUNITIES

# Growing Iowa

## 2025 FOUNDATION IMPACT REPORT



## Who We Are

The Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation was established in 2006 by the owners of Iowa Select Farms and is dedicated to making a positive impact on the lives of fellow Iowans. Founded and privately-owned by Iowa Falls natives Jeff and Deb Hansen, Iowa Select Farms has grown to be the largest family-owned pork production company in the U.S. With nearly 800 swine farms across the state, Iowa Select Farms is one of the leading economic engines to Iowa's rural communities. The company employs 1,200 people, partners with more than 650 farmers and supports nearly 1,700 local businesses throughout the state.

## How We Are Funded

The Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation is a 501c3 organization funded by donations from Jeff and Deb Hansen, the employees, contractors and owner-operator truck drivers for Iowa Select Farms and our incredibly generous friends and sponsors.

## What We Do

The Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation operates unique programs and projects that provide food to struggling Iowa families and children, shows gratitude to members of the armed forces and strengthens efforts to find a cure for childhood cancers while improving the quality of life for impacted families.

## Our Communities, Our Home

At Iowa Select Farms, our passion is pig farming and feeding the world. With our roots and branches planted firmly in Iowa, we're proud to uplift our communities and state.

Like many, we're moved forward through the years with commitment only our industry knows, and I give much of the credit to our dedicated employees and contractors. They have made Iowa Select Farms what it is today.

Over the years, the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation has intentionally created and maintained programs that help uplift our communities and provide critical support to schools, military, local service organizations and families.

Giving back is in the hearts of farmers, pork producers and Iowans, and we are relentless in our pursuit to keep our communities strong. We continue to be thankful for the support from our generous donors: suppliers, friends and employees of Iowa Select Farms.

This was made possible by you.

**SINCERELY, JEFF AND DEB HANSEN**

*Co-Founders of the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation,  
Owners of Iowa Select Farms*



### CHILD & FAMILY SUPPORT

*Providing Critical Food and Essentials  
to Our Most Vulnerable*



### MILITARY

*Recognizing our Veterans, Active and  
Reservists, and Military Families*



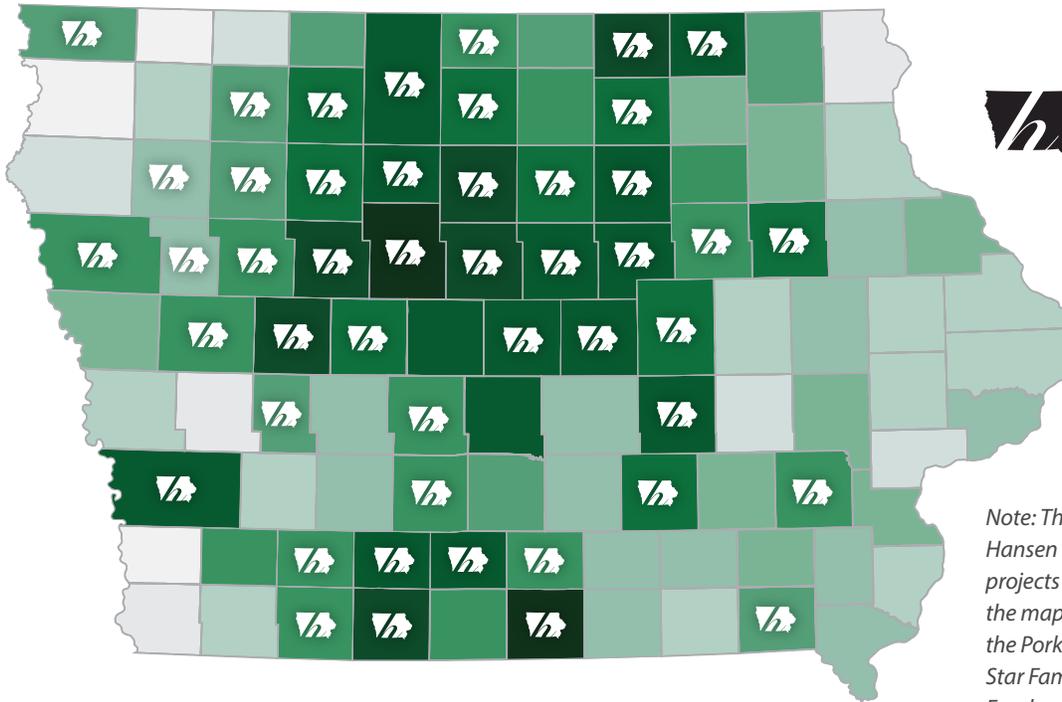
### CHILDHOOD CANCER

*Improving the Quality of Life for  
Children and Families Experiencing  
Childhood Cancer*



# GIVING WITH JOY

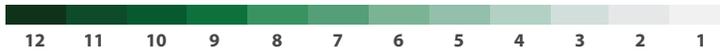
*by the Numbers*



**HOMEGROWN IOWA COUNTY**

*Note: The reach of most of the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation's programs and special projects can be tracked and are reported in the map above. However, some, including the Pork Care Package program, the Gold Star Family annual gift, and some Project: Food and Fellowship grant recipients, cannot be tracked due to the statewide nature of the recipients and privacy.*

PROGRAM REACH (BY COUNTY)



AN AVERAGE OF

**6.8**

DEB AND JEFF HANSEN FOUNDATION PROGRAMS REACH EACH IOWA COUNTY

**47**

HOMEGROWN IOWA COUNTIES THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ALL PROGRAMS

ALL HOMEGROWN IOWA COUNTIES ARE REACHED BY

**5 OR MORE PROGRAMS**

MORE THAN

**20 MILLION**

PROVIDED IN DONATIONS SINCE 2011

**99/99**

IOWA COUNTIES IMPACTED IN 2025

2025 GIVING:

**\$1,996,407**

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

since 2006

Established in 2006, the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation has grown to run unique programs focused on supplying protein and resources to lowans in need, honoring our active military and veterans, and supporting families navigating a childhood cancer diagnosis and impacted lowans in all 99 counties in 2025.



**2011** A flagship program of the Foundation since 2011, Operation Christmas Meal has grown into a beloved tradition. Over the past 15 years, over 4.5 million pounds of pork have been given away at Operation Christmas Meal events.



**2016**



**2015**

**2006**



**2010**



**2014** As a way to support and recognize our veteran, active and reservists, and military families, the Pork Care Package program began in 2014. The packages contain \$40 worth of coupons for various pork products –from bacon to ground pork. It is a reminder that service and dedication to our country is valued and respected.



**2012**



**2019** In 2019, the Foundation launched Henry's Heroes, a program inspired by Henry, Jeff and Deb Hansen's first grandchild. Each year, the program adopts a new initiative, from newborn supplies to bilingual books!



**2025**



**2024**



**2017**



**2022** In 2022, the Foundation launched A Special Adventure, a collaboration with Children's Cancer Connection, to send families on all-inclusive trips across the state. To this day, the program provides the time and financial means to provide a memorable experience for all family members.



**2021**

# PROGRAMS *In Action*

## EMMETSBURG

Emmetsburg FFA coordinated a holiday meal project that served 55 families using resources provided by the Ignite the Spirit program.



## OKOBOJI

The Krambeer Family enjoyed a Special Adventure at Bridges Bay Resort at Lake Okoboji.



## IDA GROVE

The Blaine Clovers 4-H Club delivered meal kits and homemade meals to families in need in the OABCIG Community School District with pork loins and supplies provided by the Ignite the Spirit program.



## VAN METER

Veteran employees of the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Van Meter were gifted My Veteran Hero hats.



## RED OAK

Hotel Company 334 Brigade Support Battalion in Red Oak celebrated the holidays with a Family Holiday Party supported by Project Food and Fellowship.



## OSCEOLA

Staff members at Clarke Elementary School in Osceola accepted a Henry's Heroes bilingual book cart for their library.





## LATIMER

Students at CAL Elementary School in Latimer checked out new books in Spanish and English provided by Henry's Heroes.



## INDEPENDENCE

The Independence Community School District participated in Power Snack for the first time.



## CLINTON

The Mueller Family of Clinton received a Movie Night care package.



## BROOKLYN

The Brooklyn Community Food Bank received 24 cases of ground pork through Haul Out Hunger.



## KEOSAUQUA

Operation Christmas Meal visited Keosauqua for the first time, where over 500 pork loins were handed out to people in need.



# FIGHTING CHILDHOOD HUNGER

## Powerfully

According to Feeding America, one in six children in Iowa are experiencing food insecurity. The Power Snack program is one way that the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation is working to fight the issue in Iowa's rural communities. For 13 years, school districts in Iowa Select Farms' Homegrown Iowa communities have partnered with the Foundation to distribute Power Snack coupons to children on Free and Reduced Lunch.



Each participating student receives coupons for four pounds of free deli ham and four loaves of whole wheat bread annually. These resources allow for the creation of 48 high-protein, filling Power Snacks per year, supporting students' health and well-being. Ham is an excellent source of several essential vitamins and minerals, including thiamin, niacin, riboflavin, vitamin B-6, phosphorus, protein, zinc, and potassium, all critical for growth and cognitive development.

Students receive a coupon booklet with four \$8 ham coupons and four \$3 whole wheat bread coupons to coincide with the long breaks in the school year. The Power Snack program is crucial as school-based food assistance programs address immediate nutritional needs during school days, yet food insecurity often persists during weekends and holiday breaks.

Intended to be used as a quick snack during the school day, the Foundation also distributes shelf-stable pork sticks to the schools. Located in nurses' offices, counselors' offices, main offices, and teachers' classrooms, the sticks provide children with easy access to protein when needed.

In total, 135,800 coupons and 28,000 pork sticks were distributed to 100 school districts for the 2025-2026 school year. The Power Snack program provided 33,950 students with the means to make 1,629,600 ham sandwiches.



## 2025 POWER SNACK PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS:

AGWSR Community School District  
AHSTW Community School District  
Albert City-Truesdale Community School District  
Alden Community School District  
Algona Community School District  
Alta-Aurelia Community School District  
Aplington-Parkersburg Community School District  
AR-WE-VA Community School District  
Audubon Community School District  
BCLUW Community School District  
Bedford Community School District  
Belmond Klemme Community School District  
Brooklyn-Guernsey-Malcom Community School District  
CAL Community School District  
Carroll Community School District  
Chambers Community School District  
Charter Oak-Ute Community School District  
Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Community School District  
Clarke Community School District  
Clarksville Community School District  
Clay Central Everly Community School District  
Colo-NESCO Community School District  
Corning Community School District  
Creston Community School District  
Denison Community School District  
Diagonal Community School District  
Dike-New Hartford Community School District  
Eagle Grove Community School District  
East Marshall Community School District  
East Sac County Community School District  
East Union Community School District  
Emmetsburg Community School District  
Forest City Community School District  
Fort Dodge Community School District

Galva-Holstein Community School District  
Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Community School District  
Graettinger-Terril Community School District  
Green Mountain Garwin Community School District  
Greene County Community School District  
Grinnell-Newburg Community School District  
Griswold Community School District  
Grundy Center Community School District  
Hampton-Dumont Community School District  
Highland Community School District  
Howard-Winneshiek Community School District  
Hubbard-Radcliffe Community School District  
Humboldt Community School District  
IKM Manning Community School District  
Independence Community School District  
Keota Community School District  
Lake Mills Community School District  
Laurens-Marathon School District  
Lenox Community School District  
Manson Northwest Webster Community School District  
Marshalltown Community School District  
Marshalltown Christian School  
Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn Community School District  
Montezuma Community School District  
Mormon Trail Community School District  
Mount Ayr Community School District  
Murray Community School District  
Newell-Fonda Community School District  
North Butler Community School District  
North Iowa Community School District  
North Kossuth Community School District  
North Union Community School District  
OABCIG Community School District

Osage Community School District  
Oskaloosa Community School District  
Paton Churdan Community School District  
Pocahontas Community School District  
Riceville Community School District  
River Valley Community School District  
Riverside Community School District  
Ruthven-Ayrshire Community School District  
St. Malachy Catholic School  
Schaller Crestland Community School District  
Schleswig Community School District  
Sioux Central Community School District  
South Central Calhoun Community School District  
South Hamilton Community School District  
South Hardin Community School District  
South Tama Community School District  
Southeast Valley Community School District  
St. Rose of Lima Catholic School  
St. Ansgar Community School District  
St. Paul Lutheran School, Fort Dodge  
St. Paul Lutheran School, Latimer  
Storm Lake Community School District  
Stratford Community School District  
Summerland Community School District  
Timothy Christian School  
Twin Rivers Community School District  
Unity Ridge Lutheran School  
Washington Community School District  
Waverly-Shell Rock Community School District  
Webster City Community School District  
West Fork Community School District  
West Hancock Community School District  
West Lyon Community School District  
West Marshall Community School District  
Winterset Community School District

**100** SCHOOL DISTRICTS PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAM.

**POWER SNACK PROVIDED**  
**33,950** CHILDREN THE MEANS TO PREPARE OVER 1.6 MILLION HAM SANDWICHES.

# STOCKING FREEZERS, Feeding Families

Iowans across the state rely on food pantries to help make ends meet and get food on the table. Summer can be a challenging time, as many families rely on the support of school breakfast and lunch programs to help provide complete, balanced meals for their children. Food pantries throughout Iowa see an uptick in visitors with schools out of session.

Every summer, the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation is proud to support these vital organizations by hand-delivering frozen pork to stock freezers with a fresh protein source for the summer months. For the second year in a row, pantries were offered up to 48 cases of frozen ground pork to stock their freezers. Ground pork is versatile, easy and fast to prepare, and compatible with many food pantry staples. Alongside the pork, recipe books with affordable and easy-to-prepare ideas were distributed to each pantry to inspire meals.

In 2025, teams delivered 39,432 pounds of ground pork over 17 delivery days in June and July. The pork was delivered to 130 food pantries, representing a 23% increase from 2024. Of the 130 pantries that received ground pork, 31 were new recipients. The pantries were spread across 45 counties and were located in 96 different communities. The pork distributed through Haul Out Hunger in 2025 created 137,760 meals for Iowans in need.



## HAUL OUT HUNGER RECIPIENTS:

Ackley Community Food Pantry, Ackley  
Ainsworth Food Pantry, Ainsworth  
Alden Food Pantry, Alden  
All Cultures Equal, Webster City  
Allison Food Pantry, Allison  
Aplington Parkersburg Food Pantry, Parkersburg  
Britt Food Bank, Britt  
Brooklyn Community Food Bank, Brooklyn  
Care Food Pantry, New Sharon  
Cedar Valley Seminary, Osage  
Centro Cristiano Vida Nueva, Belmond  
Christian Action Program, Cherokee  
Christian Community Cupboard, State Center  
Clarion-Goldfield- Dows School, Clarion  
Clarke Schools Food Pantry, Osceola  
Clarksville Food Pantry, Clarksville  
Clearfield Community Food Pantry, Clearfield  
Colo Food Pantry, Colo  
Community Basket of Ida County, Ida Grove  
Community of Concern, Inc, Carroll  
Crawford County Temporary Aid Program, Denison  
Creston Area Food Pantry, Creston  
Creston Food Shelf, Creston  
Dallas Center Food Pantry, Dallas Center  
Dayton Food Pantry, Dayton  
Diagonal Food Pantry, Diagonal  
Dike United Methodist Church, Dike  
Eagle Grove Food Pantry, Eagle Grove  
East Union ASPIRE Food Pantry, Afton  
Emergency Food Box, Marshalltown  
Emmetsburg Grace Baptist Pantry, Emmetsburg  
F.U.E.L. Humboldt Community School District, Humboldt  
Faith in Action Friendship Club, Iowa Falls  
Farmington Food Pantry United Methodist Church, Farmington  
First Lutheran Church Community Closet, Gilmore City  
First Lutheran Food Pantry, Clarion  
First United Methodist Church Food Pantry, Denison  
Franklin County Community Food Pantry, Hampton  
Franklin County Home Care Service, Hampton  
Franklin County Public Health, Hampton  
God's Pantry, Garner  
Goldfield Community Food Closet, Goldfield  
Gowrie Community Pantry, Gowrie  
Grace Evangelical Free Church, Eagle Grove

Greene County Christian Action Resource Center, Jefferson  
Greene Emergency Food Bank, Greene  
Hands of Blessing, Perry  
Hardin County Public Health, Eldora  
Holy Trinity Catholic Food Pantry, Fort Dodge  
Howard County Food Pantry, Cresco  
Hubbard Food Pantry, Hubbard  
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City  
Independence Area Food Pantry, Independence  
Iowa Falls Community Meals United Methodist Church, Iowa Falls  
Iowa Falls Lions Club, Iowa Falls  
Jesus' Right Hand, New Virginia  
Jewell Lords Cupboard, Jewell  
Kellerton Food Pantry, Kellerton  
Keosauqua Community Food Bank, Keosauqua  
Kossuth County Pantry, Algona  
La Luz Centro Cultural, Hampton  
Lake City Food Pantry, Lake City  
Lake City Union Church Food Bank, Lake City  
Lake Mills Food Shelf, Lake Mills  
Laurens Area Food Pantry, Laurens  
Lenox Neighborhood Center, Lenox  
Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, Story City  
Lucas Co. Inter-Church Council, Chariton  
Malcom Food Pantry, Malcom  
Manson Ministerial Food Pantry, Manson  
MATURA Union County Outreach, Creston  
MATURA Adams County Outreach, Corning  
MATURA Ringgold County Outreach, Mount Ayr  
MATURA Taylor County Neighborhood Center, Bedford  
MICA Hardin County Emergency Food Pantry, Iowa Falls  
Mid-Iowa Community Action Poweshiek County, Grinnell  
Mid-Sioux Opportunity Cherokee Outreach, Cherokee  
Mid-Sioux Opportunity Lyon County, Rock Rapids  
Ministerio Manos Al Arado, Hampton  
Mitchell County Food Bank, Osage  
Montezuma Food Pantry, Montezuma  
Mormon Trail School Food Pantry, Humeston  
Murray Church of Christ Food Pantry, Murray  
Neighborhood Food Bank, Forest City  
New Hartford Food Pantry, New Hartford  
New Opportunities Audubon Food Pantry, Audubon  
New Opportunities Calhoun County, Rockwell City

New Opportunities Carroll County, Carroll  
New Opportunities Greene County, Jefferson  
Newell Food Pantry, Newell  
Osceola Full Gospel Food Pantry, Osceola  
Our Savior's Lutheran Food and Pet Pantry, Council Bluffs  
Our Savior's Food Pantry, Leland  
Pine Lake Food Shelf, Eldora  
Riceville Food Pantry, Riceville  
Riverside Food Pantry, Oakland  
Rose Hill Community Church Food Pantry, Rose Hill  
Rowan Community Pantry, Rowan  
Ruth Project Food Pantry, Iowa Falls  
Ruthven Community Food Pantry, Ruthven  
SCICAP Wayne County, Corydon  
Shell Rock Food Pantry, Shell Rock  
South Central Calhoun Middle School Food Pantry, Rockwell City  
South Tama County Food Pantry, Tama  
St. Patrick Food Pantry, Hampton  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church Food Pantry, Webster City  
Steamboat Rock Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock  
The Lord's Cupboard, Griswold  
The Lord's Cupboard Community Pantry, Fort Dodge  
Tornado Alley, Storm Lake  
Treasured by God Ministries, Gilman  
Tribulation and Trust Ministries Storehouse Food Pantry, Washington  
Tuesday Together Meals, Chariton  
UDMO Buena Vista County, Storm Lake  
UDMO Clay County, Spencer  
UDMO Hamilton County, Webster City  
UDMO Humboldt County, Humboldt  
UDMO Pocahontas County, Pocahontas  
UDMO Webster County, Fort Dodge  
UDMO Wright County, Eagle Grove  
United Church of Diagonal, Diagonal  
Unity Lutheran Ministries Food Pantry, Graettinger  
WACO Community School Food Pantry, Crawfordsvile  
Washington County HACAP, Washington  
WayPoint Resources, Waukee  
West Bend Community Cares Food Pantry, West Bend  
West Fork Food Pantry, Sheffield  
Woodward Community Food Pantry, Woodward  
Woolstock Community Pantry, Woolstock  
Wright Community Connections, Clarion

39,432 POUNDS

OF GROUND PORK OVER 17 DELIVERY DAYS IN JUNE AND JULY

## PORK LOINS

# Fill Stomachs and Hearts

Each year, to celebrate the holiday season, the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation organizes Operation Christmas Meal, a beloved tradition for the organization and its employees since 2011. In December, employees brave the cold to hand out five-pound pork loins and recipe books to lowans in need, providing a nutritious holiday meal for those who might not otherwise have access to one. There are no requirements to receive a pork loin at an Operation Christmas Meal event. Recipients drive through the line and pick up a loin for themselves or someone in their life who needs a good meal.

In 2025, over 500 employee volunteers handed out 27,000 pork loins at Operation Christmas Meal events in Des Moines, Rockwell City, Alta, West Bend, Osage, Allison, Grundy Center, Keosauqua, Corydon, Chariton, Osceola, Afton, Mount Ayr, Eagle Grove, Webster City, and Iowa Falls. In addition, 6,000 pork loins were delivered to the Food Bank of Iowa and the Northeast Iowa Food Bank to be distributed to food pantries in 71 Iowa counties.

This program is an essential part of the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation's mission to fight hunger in Iowa, and its continued success is a testament to the generosity and compassion of its volunteers and supporters. Over the past 15 years, over 4.5 million pounds of pork have been given away at Operation Christmas Meal events in 58 communities.



**16 COMMUNITIES**

*27,000 pork loins*



# OPERATION CHRISTMAS MEAL ROUTES:



Afton



Allison



Alta



Chariton



Corydon



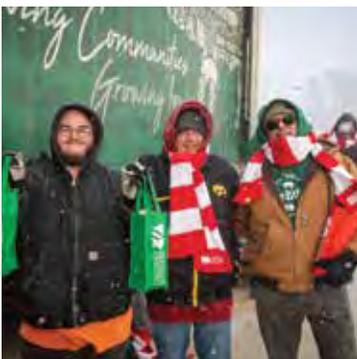
Des Moines



Eagle Grove



Grundy Center



Iowa Falls



Keosauqua



Mount Ayr



Osage



Osceola



Rockwell City



Webster City



West Bend

# IGNITING THE *Spirit of Giving*

Youth-based organizations, including FFA, FCCLA, and 4-H clubs across Iowa, participate in Ignite the Spirit each December. Through the program, organizations are equipped with essential resources to fight hunger and food insecurity in their communities during the holiday season.

Participating groups receive four cases of pork loin, insulated grocery totes, recipe booklets, and a monetary grant of \$500 to purchase additional meal staples at their local grocery stores. Students then work with hunger-fighting organizations in their communities and develop a project. Many organize community meals or create food baskets for families in need, fostering a sense of community and solidarity.

In 2025, a record 151 student organizations in 51 counties participated in Ignite the Spirit. Of the participants, 56 were FFA chapters, 64 were 4-H Clubs, 16 were FCCLA chapters, 11 were other school groups, including Student Council and Special Education classrooms, and four were outside-of-school organizations, including Boy Scouts and church groups. Participation in Ignite the Spirit increased by 49% compared to 2024.

By empowering students to take proactive measures, seek local partnerships and actively contribute to their communities, the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation's Ignite the Spirit program stands as a beacon in the fight against hunger. Beyond providing essential resources, the program is vital in raising awareness of this critical issue and inspiring a new generation of Iowans to be compassionate and actively engaged in their communities.



## IGNITE THE SPIRIT PARTICIPANTS:

Adair County Hot Shots 4H Club  
Adams Champs 4H Club  
AGWSR FFA  
Alden Active Achievers 4H Club  
Alden School Nurse Christmas Adoption  
Algona FCCLA  
Algona FFA  
Algona Middle School FCCLA  
Alta-Aurelia FFA  
Ames FFA  
Aplington Parkersburg FFA  
Ar-We-Va Student Council  
Ar-We-Va National Honor Society  
Aspinwall Achievers 4H Club  
Belmond Klemme FFA  
Blaine Clovers 4H Club  
Buckingham Boosters 4H Club  
Carroll Area FFA  
Carroll County 4H County Youth Council  
Cedar Livestock 4H Club  
Central Plains FFA  
Central Trail FFA  
Cerro Gordo County 4H  
Chariton FFA  
Charles City FFA  
Cherokee County 4H County Youth Council  
Cherokee WHS FFA  
Clarke County 4H  
Clarke County Organization of Philanthropic Services  
Clarke TeamMates  
Clarksville FFA  
Clay Raiders 4H Club  
Clear Lake FFA  
Clear Lake Sailors 4H Club  
Clutier Cowboys and Cowgirls 4H Club  
Colo-NESCO FFA  
Country Pioneer 4H Club  
Cub Scout Pack 583

Cultural Tréboles 4-H Club  
Dayton Tigers 4H Club  
Denver FFA  
Dike-New Hartford FFA  
Douglas Dreamers 4H Club  
Dunkerton FFA  
Eagle Grove FCCLA and Wright Warriors 4H Club  
Early Achievers 4H Club  
East Pottawattamie County 4H Youth Council, Oakland, Carson and Macedonia  
East Pottawattamie County 4H Youth Council, Avoca, Walnut and Hancock  
East Sac FFA  
East Union FFA  
Emmetsburg FFA  
Fenton Forwards 4H Club  
Forest City FCCLA  
Forest City FFA  
Friendly-4-Corner 4H Club  
Garwin Roughriders 4H Club  
George Little Rock FFA  
Gilbert FFA  
Gladbrook-Reinbeck FFA  
Glidden-Ralston FFA  
Golden Shots 4H Shooting Sports  
Gowrie Groundbreakers 4H Club  
Greenbrier 4H Club  
Greene County FFA  
Grinnell FCCLA  
Hampton Dumont Special Education  
Hartwick-Ladora-Victor FCCLA  
Hawkeye FFA  
Highland FFA  
Howard Winneshiek FCCLA  
Humboldt FFA  
Hustlers 4H Club  
Interstate 35 FCCLA  
Iowa River FFA  
ISU Extension and Outreach, Adair County

ISU Extension and Outreach, Buena Vista County  
ISU Extension and Outreach, Crawford County  
ISU Extension and Outreach, Story County  
ISU Extension and Outreach, Winnebago County  
Jenkins Sunshine 4H Club  
Kamrar Komets 4H Club  
Lamoni FFA and FCCLA  
Lenox FFA  
Limecreek Limelights 4H Club  
Lotts Creek 4H Club  
Mahaska County 4H Honor Council  
Maloy Shamrocks 4H Club  
Manson Craters 4H Club  
Manson Northwest Webster FCCLA  
Mid-Prairie FFA  
Mormon Trail FFA  
Mount Ayr FFA  
Mount Ayr Schools Raider Cafe  
Murray Baptist Youth Group  
Murray FFA  
Nemaha 4H Club  
Nevada FFA  
North Butler Blazers 4H Club  
North Butler FFA  
North Mahaska FFA  
Northeast Wright 4H Club  
OA Richland Robins  
OABCIG FFA  
Osage FFA  
Osceola FFA  
Osceola Raiders 4H Club  
Peoples Guys & Gals 4H Club  
Platte Peppy Pals 4H Club  
Pleasant Valley Explorers 4H Club  
Pocahontas Area High School CTSOs  
Pocahontas County 4H  
Prairie Pride 4H Club

Providence Go-Getters 4H Club  
PTL Unity Ridge Lutheran School  
Riceville Youth Group  
Richland Hot Shots 4H Club  
River Valley FFA  
Roland Story Key Club  
Roland Story LTS 4H Club  
Roland Story Student Council  
Saint Ansgar FFA  
Saratoga 4H Club  
Schaller Shamrocks 4H Club  
Seymour FFA  
Sioux Central FCCLA  
South Hamilton FFA  
South Hardin FFA and FCCLA  
Southwest Valley FCCLA  
Southwest Valley FFA  
Southwest Valley Student Council  
Stanton FCCLA  
Storm Lake FFA  
Stratford Spirit 4H Club  
Toledo Techs 4H Club  
Town and Country Kids 4H Club  
Triple Trooper 4H Club  
Twin River Tornadoes 4H Club  
Union FCCLA  
Wall Lake Bandits and Viola Visions 4H Clubs  
Wapsie Valley FCCLA  
Washington County 4H County Youth Council  
Waterloo FFA  
Waverly Shell Rock Middle School FCCLA  
Wayne FCCLA  
Webster City FFA  
West Fork FFA  
West Marshall FFA  
Westside 4H Club  
Whittemore Warriors 4H Club  
Winterset FFA

# EXPANDING BILINGUAL *Access in Rural Iowa*



**N**ow in its seventh year, Henry's Heroes is an ever-evolving program that supports Iowa children. From providing STEM carts to local libraries, donating toy boxes to daycares, or equipping law enforcement with comfort kits to support children during crisis calls, the program annually adopts a new initiative.

In 2025, 100 Bilingual Book Carts were delivered to Iowa elementary schools throughout March and April. Each book cart was filled with 75 books geared for students in kindergarten to fifth grade. Half of the books were in Spanish and half were in English, with each book having a match in the opposite language. The books were chosen with students in mind, with popular titles and graphic novels filling the carts. Other books included nonfiction encyclopedias, English to Spanish picture dictionaries, early chapter books, and read-aloud picture books.

This initiative aims to meet the growing demand for Spanish-language literature in Iowa's schools, particularly for English Language Learners (ELL) and bilingual students. Iowa Select Farms employees were also given the opportunity to nominate their own schools to receive a book cart. In total, 54 employees nominated elementary schools that they had attended or that their children attend. The book carts were delivered to schools in 44 different counties across the state and will be a resource for students for years to come.



## HENRY'S HEROES RECIPIENTS

Adams Elementary School, Carroll  
 AGWSR Elementary at Wellsburg, Wellsburg  
 AGWSR Elementary School, Ackley  
 Albert City-Truesdale Elementary School, Ackley  
 Alden Elementary School, Alden  
 Alta Elementary School, Alta  
 Altoona Elementary School, Altoona  
 Anderson Elementary, Bondurant  
 Anson Elementary School, Marshalltown  
 Ar-We-Va Elementary Community School, Westside  
 Aurelia Elementary School, Aurelia  
 BCLUW Elementary School, Conrad  
 Bedford Elementary School, Bedford  
 Bryant Elementary School, Algona  
 Butler Elementary School, Fort Dodge  
 CAL Elementary School, Latimer  
 Carson Elementary School, Carson  
 Charter Oak-Ute Elementary School, Charter Oak  
 Cherokee Elementary School, Cherokee  
 Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Elementary School, Clarion  
 Clarke Community Elementary School, Osceola  
 Clarksville Elementary School, Clarksville  
 Clay Central-Everly Elementary, Royal  
 Columbus Elementary School, Chariton  
 Cooper Elementary School, Fort Dodge  
 Corning Elementary School, Corning  
 Creston Elementary School, Creston  
 Crestwood Elementary School, Cresco  
 Denison Elementary School, Denison  
 Diagonal Elementary School, Diagonal  
 Duncombe Elementary School, Fort Dodge  
 Eagle Grove Elementary, Eagle Grove  
 East Buchanan Elementary, Winthrop  
 East Sac County Elementary, Sac City

East Union Elementary, Afton  
 Eldora-New Providence Elementary School, Eldora  
 Feelhaver Elementary School, Fort Dodge  
 Fisher Elementary School, Marshalltown  
 Forest City Elementary School, Forest City  
 Franklin Elementary School, Marshalltown  
 Galva-Holstein Elementary School, Holstein  
 Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Elementary School, Garner  
 George-Little Rock Elementary School, George  
 GMG Elementary School, Green Mountain  
 Greene County Elementary, Jefferson  
 Grundy Center Elementary School, Grundy Center  
 Highland Elementary School, Riverside  
 Hubbard-Radcliffe Elementary School, Radcliffe  
 Inman Elementary School, Red Oak  
 J C Hoglan Elementary School, Marshalltown  
 Laurens-Marathon Elementary School, Laurens  
 Ledges Elementary, Boone  
 Lenox Elementary School, Lenox  
 Lincoln Elementary School, Osage  
 Manson Northwest Webster Elementary, Barnum  
 Mormon Trail Elementary School, Humeston  
 Mount Ayr Elementary, Mount Ayr  
 Murray Elementary School, Murray  
 Neligh-Oakdale Elementary, Neligh  
 Newell-Fonda Elementary, Newell  
 North Harrison Elementary School, Eagleville  
 North Iowa Elementary, Buffalo Center  
 North Kossuth Elementary School, Swea City  
 North Union Elementary, Fenton  
 Northeast Hamilton Elementary School, Blairsburg  
 O'Neil Elementary School, O'Neill  
 Oakland Elementary School, Oakland

Oviatt Elementary School, Norwalk  
 Parkersburg Elementary School, Parkersburg  
 Pineview Elementary School, Iowa Falls  
 Pleasant View Elementary School, Webster City  
 Pocahontas Area Elementary School, Pocahontas  
 Riceville Elementary School, Riceville  
 Richard O. Jacobson Elementary School, Belmond  
 Rock Run Elementary School, Iowa Falls  
 Rogers Elementary School, Marshalltown  
 RRMER Elementary School, Rockford  
 Schaller-Crestland Elementary, Schaller  
 Schleswig Elementary School, Schleswig  
 Seton Grade School, Algona  
 Sioux Central Elementary School, Sioux Rapids  
 South Central Calhoun Elementary School, Rockwell City  
 South Elementary School, Leon  
 South Hamilton Elementary School, Jewell  
 South Side Elementary School, Hampton  
 South Tama County Elementary School, Tama  
 St Ansgar Elementary School, St. Ansgar  
 Stewart Elementary School, Washington  
 Storm Lake Elementary, Storm Lake  
 Stratford Elementary, Stratford  
 Summerland Community School, Ewing  
 Sunset Heights Elementary, Webster City  
 Sylvia Enarson Elementary School, Villisca  
 Taft Elementary School, Humboldt  
 Wayne Elementary School, Corydon  
 West Bend-Mallard Elementary School, West Bend  
 West Hancock Elementary School, Britt  
 Westridge Elementary School, West Des Moines  
 Winterset Elementary School, Winterset  
 Woodbury Elementary School, Marshalltown



# SUPPORTING FELLOWSHIP IN *Iowa's Military Communities*

DEB & JEFF HANSEN FOUNDATION

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**FOOD AND  
FELLOWSHIP**

The Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation holds a deep belief that food brings people together. Designed to create memorable and enriching social experiences for Iowa military families, the Project: Food and Fellowship program offers micro-grants for military and veteran organizations seeking financial support.

Organizations can apply for up to \$2,500 to help cover the cost of food for their social gatherings for active duty, reservists, veterans, Gold Star families, and all military families in Iowa. In 2025, 67 organizations received funding from the Project: Food and Fellowship program.

Over \$80,000 was awarded throughout the year. Examples of groups that received funds include troops of the Iowa Army National Guard, the 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City, the 132nd Air Fighter Wing in Des Moines, American Legions, County Veterans Affairs Offices, and veteran groups focused on bringing Iowa's veteran community together. Projects that were supported in 2025 included military balls and dances, holiday parties, resource fairs, and grill-outs.



## ORGANIZATIONS THAT RECEIVED FUNDING IN 2025:

*Albaugh McGovern American Legion Post 42, Patriotic Mural Dedication*

*American Legion Post 117, Veterans Dinner*

*American Legion Post 135, Fourth of July Celebration*

*American Legion Post 135, Flag Day Retirement*

*American Legion Post 172, Community Golf Outing*

*American Legion Post 389, Annual Omelet Breakfast*

*American Legion Post 694, Fall Appreciation Celebration*

*American Legion Post 694, Annual Winter Breakfast*

*Americans for Independent Living, 9/11 Veterans Resource Fair*

*AMVETS Post 2, Des Moines Homeless Veterans Stand Down*

*Camp High Hopes, Weekend Camp for Military Families*

*Clay County Veteran Affairs, Holiday Gathering*

*Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, Iowa State Meeting*

*Hilton Thrive Sabbatical: One Frame at a Time*

*Iowa Air National Guard 132d Chief's Council & 132d E7/E8 Council, Holiday Meal*

*Iowa Air National Guard 132d Wing, 132nd Wing Family Holiday Party*

*Iowa Air National Guard 185th Air Refueling Wing Military and Family Programs, Operation Santa Sleigh*

*Iowa Air National Guard, 132d Chief's Council & 132d E7/E8 Council, Fall Pancake Breakfast*

*Iowa Army National Guard 1-113th Cavalry and 334 Brigade Support Battalion, Deployment Send Off and Retirement Farewell*

*Iowa Army National Guard 1-133d Infantry Battalion and Warrior and Family Services, Joining Community Forces*

*Iowa Army National Guard 1-168 Infantry Battalion, Pre Dine Out Social*

*Iowa Army National Guard 109th Medical Battalion, 109th Christmas Family Day*

*Iowa Army National Guard 109th Medical Battalion, 109th Family Day*

*Iowa Army National Guard 109th Medical Battalion, 109th Medical Battalion Unit Training Management Workshop*

*Iowa Army National Guard 113 Cavalry, Holiday Party*

*Iowa Army National Guard 185th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 185th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion Christmas Party*

*Iowa Army National Guard 248th Aviation Dining Out Military Ball, Military Ball*

*Iowa Army National Guard 3655 Classification and Inspection Company, 3655 Holiday Party*

*Iowa Army National Guard 71st CST, Davenport Open House*

*Iowa Army National Guard A Company 1-168 Infantry Regiment, Christmas Party*

*Iowa Army National Guard B Company 248th Aviation Support Battalion Soldier and Family Readiness Group, Range Fire*

*Iowa Army National Guard Bravo/Charlie Company 1-168th Infantry, Bravo/Charlie Company Joint Holiday Party*

*Iowa Army National Guard C-Btry 1-194th Field Artillery Regiment, C-Btry Holiday Party*

*Iowa Army National Guard Child & Youth Program, Military Family Ball*

*Iowa Army National Guard Counterdrug Task Force, Holiday Meal*

*Iowa Army National Guard G Company 334 Brigade Support Battalion, G Company Christmas Morale Wellness and Recreation Event*

*Iowa Army National Guard Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Delta Company Soldier and Family Readiness Group, Holiday Party*

*Iowa Army National Guard 1-113th Cavalry, Deployment Morale Wellness and Recreation Event*

*Iowa Army National Guard Hotel Company 334 Brigade Support Battalion, Heart Breakers Open House*

*Iowa Army National Guard Hotel Company 334 Brigade Support Battalion Hotel Company, Holiday Party*

*Iowa Army National Guard Mission Training Complex Dodge, Change of Command Ceremony*

*Iowa Army National Guard Mission Training Complex Dodge, Mission Training Complex Dodge Holiday Party*

*Iowa Army National Guard Officer Candidate School, Mentor Dinner*

*Iowa Army National Guard Regional Support Group, Regional Support Group Christmas Party*

*Iowa Army National Guard Sustainment Training Center, Sustainment Training Center Holiday Party*

*Iowa Army National Guard Training Center, Family Morale Wellness and Recreation Holiday Event*

*Iowa Army National Guard Warrior Family Services Branch, Connection Through Community*

*Iowa Army National Guard Warrior Services Branch, Joining Community Forces*

*Iowa State University Army ROTC, Army ROTC Alumni Tailgate*

*Iowa State University Army ROTC, Cyclone Battalion Military Ball*

*Iowa State University ROTC, Cyclone Battalion Dine Out*

*Iowa Survivor Outreach Services, Our Fallen Heroes Christmas Tree Decorating*

*Monroe County Veterans Affairs, Surviving Spouse Event*

*North Iowa Christian School, Veterans Breakfast and Log Placement*

*Operation Homefront, Holiday Meals for Military*

*Perry Elks Lodge, Veteran Gift Bag and Christmas Food Basket Program*

*Perry Elks Lodge, Castaways: Veterans Casting Away Disabilities*

*Pottawattamie County Veterans Service Office, Veterans Resource Festival*

*Ruck Iowa, Clear Lake Veterans Hike*

*Support Our Veterans Ride, Inc, 2025 Support Our Veterans Ride*

*Support Siouxsland Soldiers, Deployment Dolls for Deploying Iowa Military Families*

*Swingin' Fore Soldiers, Swingin' Fore Soldiers 7th Annual Military Appreciation Day*

*Washington Township School Restoration Board, Fall Pork Loin Dinner*

*Wayne County Veterans Affairs, Annual Outreach Dinner*



# PORK AND SUPPLIES TO *Celebrate Veterans Day*



The Pork for Patriots program connects the Iowa military community with resources for successful Veterans Day celebrations and appreciation events. Born as a sub-program to Project: Food and Fellowship in 2023, Pork for Patriots fills a gap that the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation saw in resources for military organizations looking to celebrate local veterans in November.

Each organization was offered up to 48 boneless pork loins and an event kit complete with placemats, cups, napkins, centerpieces, posters, aprons, and t-shirts. In total, 6,396 pork loins were distributed in late October to allow event coordinators ample time to plan and prepare for their November events.

In 2025, 214 organizations participated in the Pork for Patriots program. Building on the success of previous years, 88 new organizations requested supplies this year— demonstrating a 33% increase in participation from last year and a 94% increase from the inaugural year.

The 214 organizations included 95 American Legions, 33 Veterans of Foreign Wars organizations, 19 Elks Lodges, 21 County Veteran Affairs Offices, 10 AMVETS, and 31 other veteran-based groups, and were located in 73 Iowa counties and 142 unique communities, ensuring veterans across Iowa were honored in November.

In a survey of participants, 42 reported planning a brand new event due to the offer. Over 75% reported that their current programming would be significantly enhanced.

**OVER 75% OF PARTICIPANTS  
REPORTED SIGNIFICANT ENHANCEMENTS  
TO THEIR PROJECT BECAUSE OF THE  
*Pork for Patriots Program***



## PARTICIPATING VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS:

American Legion Post 252, Ackley  
 Dallas County Veterans Affairs, Adel  
 Moving Veterans Forward of North Central Iowa, Algona  
 VFW Post 4069, Alta Vista  
 Placoderm Submarine Veterans of Iowa, Altoona  
 American Legion Post 37, Ames  
 Elk Lodge 1626, Ames  
 AMVETS Post 110, Anamosa  
 American Legion Post 210, Anita  
 American Legion Post 389, Anthon  
 AMVETS Post 102, Aplington  
 American Legion Auxiliary Post 694, Arcadia  
 American Legion Post 694, Arcadia  
 Elks Lodge 445, Atlantic  
 Audubon County Veteran Affairs, Audubon  
 American Legion Post 227, Avoca  
 American Legion Post 563, Bonaparte  
 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 56, Boone  
 American Legion Post 56, Boone  
 Boone County Veterans Affairs, Boone  
 VFW Auxiliary Post 817, Boone  
 VFW Post 817, Boone  
 American Legion Post 607, Breda  
 American Legion Riders Post 607, Breda  
 American Legion Post 391, Carlisle  
 Bob James VFW Post 2099, Carlisle  
 Moose Lodge 273, Carroll  
 AMVETS Post 49, Cedar Falls  
 Elks Lodge 251, Cedar Rapids  
 Freedom Foundation, Cedar Rapids  
 Moose Lodge 304, Cedar Rapids  
 AMVETS Post 37, Central City  
 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 174, Charles City  
 Elks Lodge 418, Charles City  
 Floyd County Veterans Affairs, Charles City  
 VFW Post 3914, Charles City  
 American Legion Post 66, Charter Oak  
 Wright County Veterans Affairs, Clarion  
 VFW Post 4868, Clear Lake  
 Moose Lodge 363, Clinton  
 VFW Post 7736, Colesburg  
 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 100, Columbus Junction  
 Midwest Military Outreach, Columbus Junction  
 American Legion Post 68, Corydon  
 Pottawattamie County Veterans Service Office, Council Bluffs  
 Elks Lodge 605, Creston  
 Fraternal Order of Eagles 1398, Creston  
 VFW Post 5240, Dakota City  
 Elks Lodge 298, Davenport  
 American Legion Post 163, Decorah  
 VFW Post 1977, Decorah  
 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 296, Deep River  
 VFW Post 2504, Denison  
 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 374, Des Moines

American Legion Post 374, Des Moines  
 AMVETS Post 2, Des Moines  
 Elks Lodge 98, Des Moines  
 Larry Nehring Detachment #103 of the Marine Corps League, Des Moines  
 VFW Auxiliary Post 9127, Des Moines  
 VFW Foundation, Des Moines  
 VFW Post 9127, Des Moines  
 VFW Post 9662, Des Moines  
 American Legion Post 419, Dexter  
 Dexter United Methodist Church, Dexter  
 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 494, Douds  
 American Legion Post 494, Douds  
 American Legion Post 444, Dow City  
 American Legion Post 523, Dows  
 Combat Veterans Motorcycle Assn. 39-3, Dubuque  
 Disabled American Veterans, Dubuque  
 Dubuque County Veterans Affairs, Dubuque  
 Dubuque Rescue Mission, Dubuque  
 Elks Lodge 297, Dubuque  
 Moose Lodge 355, Dubuque  
 Veterans Freedom Center, Dubuque  
 VFW Post 508, Dubuque  
 American Legion Post 430, Durant  
 Sons of the American Legion 430, Durant  
 VFW Post 12194, Durant  
 American Legion Post 137, Dyersville  
 VFW Post 642, Eagle Grove  
 American Legion Post 158, Earlham  
 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 182, Eldora  
 American Legion Post 541, Ellston  
 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 555, Ely  
 VFW Post 2295, Emmetsburg  
 AMVETS Post 13, Epworth  
 John White American Legion Post 650, Epworth  
 Sons of the American Legion Post 650, Epworth  
 Elks Lodge 528, Estherville  
 AMVETS Post 31, Evansdale  
 Elks Lodge 1192, Fairfield  
 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 650, Farley  
 American Legion Post 231, Farmington  
 Moose Lodge 806, Fort Dodge  
 Webster County Veterans Affairs, Fort Dodge  
 AMVETS Post 90, Fredericksburg  
 American Legion Post 256, Garner  
 American Legion Post 431, Gowrie  
 Swingin' Fore Soldiers, Gowrie  
 American Legion Post 215, Grand River  
 American Legion Post 717, Granger  
 DSM Chief Petty Officer Association, Granger  
 American Legion Post 55, Grinnell  
 Elks Lodge 1266, Grinnell  
 Poweshiek County Veterans Affairs, Grinnell  
 Sons of The American Legion Post 53, Grinnell  
 Guthrie County Veterans Affairs, Guthrie Center

American Legion Post 720, Hancock  
 Arendt Bowlin Stubbs American Legion Post 83, Hedrick  
 American Legion Casper Post 477, Hinton  
 VFW Post 244, Independence  
 Elks Lodge 2814, Indianola  
 Elks Lodge 590, Iowa City  
 Veterans Liberty Center, Iowa City  
 VFW Post 3949, Iowa City  
 Elks Lodge 1674, Iowa Falls  
 Elks Lodge 2306, Jefferson  
 Greene County Veterans Affairs, Jefferson  
 American Legion Post 41, Keokuk  
 Beer Barker American Legion Post 113, Keosauqua  
 Van Buren County Veteran Affairs, Keosauqua  
 VFW Post 3533, Laurens  
 American Legion Post 279, Lawler  
 Le Roy American Legion Auxiliary #161, Le Roy  
 American Legion Post 80, Leon  
 Decatur County Veterans Affairs, Leon  
 American Legion Post 415, Livemore  
 American Legion Post 96, Lorimor  
 Lorimor Fire Department, Lorimor  
 American Legion Post 656, Luxemburg  
 VFW Auxiliary Post 5060, Madrid  
 American Legion Post 45, Manchester  
 American Legion Post 132, Manilla  
 American Legion Post 110, Manly  
 Manson Lions Club, Manson  
 VFW Post 3633, Maquoketa  
 American Legion Post 467, Marshalltown  
 Elks Lodge 312, Marshalltown  
 Cerro Gordo Veterans Affairs, Mason City  
 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 511, Menlo  
 American Legion Post 483, Milton  
 American Legion Post 99, Minburn  
 Lee County Veterans Affairs, Montrose  
 American Legion Post 172, Mount Ayr  
 Healing Heroes Homestead, Mount Pleasant  
 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 303, Moville  
 American Legion Post 405, Murray  
 American Legion Post 38, New Hampton  
 Chickasaw County Veterans Affairs, New Hampton  
 American Legion Post 660, New Hartford  
 VFW Post 6779, Northwood  
 American Legion Post 129, Onawa  
 American Legion Riders 278, Osage  
 American Legion Post 69, Osceola  
 Clarke County Veterans Affairs, Osceola  
 American Legion Post 34, Oskaloosa  
 American Legion Post 503, Ossian  
 American Legion Post 285, Parkersburg  
 American Legion Post 89, Pella  
 VFW Post 2060, Perry  
 Pocahontas County Veterans Affairs, Pocahontas  
 American Legion Post 232, Polk City

American Legion Post 719, Prescott  
 Elks Lodge 1304, Red Oak  
 VFW Post 6414, Riverside  
 AMVETS Post 41, Rockwell City  
 Calhoun County Commission of Veteran Affairs, Rockwell City  
 DAV Chapter 29, Rockwell City  
 Marine Corps League 539, Rockwell City  
 First Christian Church Sac City and Sac County Quilters, Sac City  
 Elks Lodge 1122, Shenandoah  
 American Legion Post 19, Sigourney  
 Keokuk County Veterans Affairs, Sigourney  
 185th Air Refueling Wing, Sioux City  
 Elks Lodge 112, Sioux City  
 American Legion Post 260, Slater  
 American Legion Post 467, Spillville  
 American Legion Post 147, Stockport  
 American Legion Post 146, Stuart  
 West Central Valley Community Schools, Stuart  
 American Legion Post 223, Sumner  
 Cedar County Veterans Affairs, Tipton  
 VFW Auxiliary Post 2537, Tipton  
 VFW Post 2537, Tipton  
 American Legion Post 72, Toledo  
 VFW Post 4013, Tripoli  
 403 Foundation, Van Meter  
 American Legion Post 403, Van Meter  
 American Legion Post 57, Vinton  
 American Legion Post 29, Washington  
 American Legion Post 138, Waterloo  
 Americans for Independent Living Veteran Resource Center, Waterloo  
 American Legion Post 605, Waucoma  
 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 176, Waverly  
 AMVETS Post 79, Waverly  
 Bartels Lutheran Home, Waverly  
 Northeast Iowa Marine Corps League Det 1241, Waverly  
 VFW Post 2208, Waverly  
 Waverly Area Veterans Post, Waverly  
 Waverly Senior Center, Waverly  
 American Legion Post 191, Webster City  
 Giving Back Outdoors, West Des Moines  
 VFW Auxiliary District 5, West Des Moines  
 VFW Post 8879, West Des Moines  
 Warriors from Ashes Rising Inc., West Des Moines  
 American Legion Post 15, West Union  
 American Legion Post 196, Westside  
 Calamus Wheatland Community Schools, Wheatland  
 American Legion Post 425, Whittemore  
 VFW Post 8142, Winterset  
 Women for Veterans, Woodbine  
 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 157, Woodburn  
 American Legion Post 157, Woodburn

# SUPPORTING SOLDIERS AND STRENGTHENING

# Our Military Community

Those serving in the armed forces make many sacrifices for our country's freedom, and the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation is proud to continue to thank service members through various programs. The Pork Care Package program reminds us that service and dedication to our country are valued and respected, and it acts as a thank you to all who currently serve in Iowa.

Iowa Select Farms employees distribute coupons to active and reserve armed forces members across Iowa each year. Members receive a gift containing \$40 in coupons for various pork products, including fresh pork, ground pork, ribs, and bacon. Through this program, the Foundation provides military families the means to prepare many meals that bring comfort and joy to their homes, football tailgates, and social gatherings.

In 2025, Iowa Select Farms employees delivered 17,117 Pork Care Packages to those serving in the military. Soldiers that received the coupons were in a variety of different military branches, including the Iowa Army National Guard, the Iowa Air National Guard, the U.S. Army Reserves, the U.S. Navy Reserves, U.S. Marine Corps Reserves, and ROTC program participants at Iowa State University. Pork Care Packages were also sent to the Iowa National Guard's Survivor Outreach Services, further being dispersed to 600 Iowa families of fallen soldiers and to all staff members at the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs.



*Growing Communities.  
Growing Iowa.*



**IN 2025, IOWA SELECT FARMS  
EMPLOYEES DELIVERED**

**17,117**

**PORK CARE  
PACKAGES**



## MILITARY GROUPS THAT RECEIVED PORK CARE PACKAGE COUPONS:

### IOWA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

185th Air Fighter Wing  
132nd Air Fighter Wing

### IOWA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

1-168 IN BN Co B Det 1  
224 BEB Co E FSC  
1168 Trans Co Det 2  
1-133 IN BN HHC  
334 BSB Co G (FSC)  
2-211 AVN BN CO D DET 3  
1-376 AVN Co A Det 1  
2-211 AVN Co C Det 1  
2-211 AVN HHC Det 3  
CO A 248TH ASB (-)  
2-147TH AVN BN CO E DET 2  
1-168 IN BN Co A Det 1  
2/34th BCT HHC  
2-147TH AVN HHC Det 2  
248TH ASB DET 1 HSC  
CO B 248TH ASB (-)  
CO C 2-147TH AVN  
HSC 248TH AVN  
1168 Trans Co Det 1  
1-168 IN BN Co A Det 2  
334 BSB Co F (FSC)  
1-168 In BN Co A (-)  
1133 Trans Co  
1-168 IN BN HHC  
1-133 IN BN Co A  
DET 1 CO A 248TH ASB  
1-168 IN BN Co D  
831 ENGR Co (-)  
1-133 IN BN Co D  
334 BSB Det 1 Co E (FSC)  
1-194 FA Btry A  
334 BSB Co A (DISTRO)  
1-133 IN BN Co HHC Det 1  
1-133 IN BN Co C (-)  
1-133 IN BN Co C Det 1  
334 BSB Co H (FSC)  
1-168 IN BN Co C  
224 BEB HHC (-)

34th Army Band  
1-133 IN BN Co B  
109TH MED BN HHD  
1133 Trans Det 1  
209TH MED CO (AS)  
67TH TRP CMD  
1-194 FA Btry B  
Co C 224 BEB  
HHC 224 BEB  
334 BSB Co A Det 1 (DISTR)  
334 BSB CO B (Maint)  
3655 Det 1 Maint Co  
3654 Det 1 Maint Co  
3654 Maint. Co (-)  
1168 Trans Co (-)  
334 BSB Co D (FSC)  
DET 2 CO A 248TH ASB  
1-168 IN BN Co B (-)  
1-113 RSTA Det 1 HHT  
1-113 RSTA Trp C  
71st CST  
334 BSB Co C (Med)  
334 BSB HHC  
135 PAD  
CO D 224 BEB  
294 Med Co (AS)  
671 Trp Cmd  
JFHQ-IA  
1-113 CAV Trp A  
1-113 RSTA Trp B  
186 MP Co  
831 ENGR Co Det 1  
AMEDD  
1034 CSSB HHC  
185th CSSB  
3655 Maint Co (-)  
734th RSG HQ  
185th RTI  
HQ RSP/RRB  
STC  
1-376 AVN Co A Det 2  
2-211 AVN Co B  
2-211 AVNCOE Det  
2-211 AVN Co D Det 1

2-211 AVN Co E Det 1  
2-211 AVN HHC Det 1  
CO BBS 224 BEB  
2168 Trans Co  
833 ENGR Co  
134th Med Co  
1-194 FA HHB  
1-194 FA HHB Det 1  
2168 Trans Det 2  
2168 Trans Co Det 1  
334 BSB CO D (FSC)  
1-194 FA Btry B Det 1  
1-194 FA HHB Det 2  
CO B (EN) 248 ASB Det 3  
CO A (EN) 224 BEB  
CO A (EN) 224 BEB Det 1  
233 JAG TM  
IOTC  
C OB 248 ASB Det 4  
1034TH CSC Det 1  
1034TH CSC Det 2  
1034TH CSC

### US ARMY RESERVES — IOWA

8th JA DET  
91st JA DET (LOD TM 12)  
95th REGT, 9th BN (QM)  
103rd ESC (MSE)  
103rd ESC, HHC  
189th TC DET  
203rd PA DET MOBILE  
339th MP CO (CS)  
345th CO (GROUND AMB)  
348th MP CO (DETENTION)  
361st MC CO (MED LOG)  
377th REGT, 2nd BN (DET 1) (CO A)  
377th REGT, 2nd BN (DET 6) (CO F)  
383rd REGT, 1st BN (CS CSS)  
389th EN BN (FSC)  
389th EN BN (HHC)  
389th EN CO (2nd PLT) (VERTICAL CONST)

389th EN CO (VERTICAL CONST)  
402nd EN CO (SAPPER)  
411th EN CO (HORIZONTAL CONST)  
415th MP DET (LAW ENFORCEMENT)  
443rd TC (DET 2) (COMBAT HET)  
445th TC (DET 1) (MDM TRK) (PLS)  
445th TC (DET 2) (COMBAT HET)  
445th TC CO (MDM TRK) (PLS)  
467th EN DET (FIRE FIGHTING)  
527th TC DET (MOVEMENT CNTRL)  
600th EN DET (FACILITY)  
649th RSG, HHC  
7355th VET DET  
7403rd TMC  
7404th MORU  
7456th MORU  
7456th MED BN (DET 1)  
903rd TC (DET 2) (INLAND CARGO)  
949th MC DET (VET SVC)  
960th QM CO (PETROL SPT)  
960th QM CO 1st PLT (PETRL SPT)  
960th QM CO 2ND PLT (PETRL SPT)

**Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs Staff**

**Iowa National Guard's Survivor Outreach Services**

**Iowa State University Air Force ROTC**

**Iowa State University Army ROTC**

**Iowa State University Marine Corps ROTC**

**Iowa State University Navy ROTC**

**Polk County Veterans Pantry**

**Southern Iowa Mobile Veterans Pantry**

**Support Siouland Soldiers**

**US Navy Reserves**

**US Marine Corp Reserves**



# RECOGNIZING AND HONORING *Iowa Veterans*

The Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation launched the My Veteran Hero program in 2022 to thank and recognize veterans across Iowa for their sacrifice and willingness to answer the call to serve our country.

Every day since its launch, Iowans have nominated veterans in their own lives to receive a custom apparel item, choosing between T-shirts, crewneck sweatshirts, and full-zip hoodies. Iowa Select Farms employees then package the apparel each week and ship it directly to the veterans' homes with a note identifying the nominator.

In 2025, a new offering joined the My Veteran Hero program. The program transitioned to offering custom Iowa Veteran hats to all nominated veterans. Each hat has the branch the veteran served in embroidered on the back for a personal touch.

In 2025, 2,854 veterans were recognized—a 14% increase from 2024. Since the start of the program, 8,030 veterans have received apparel items. 98 of Iowa's 99 counties had at least one veteran who received an item in 2025, and the veterans lived in 413 different communities in Iowa. Iowans living in 30 different states were also recognized through the My Veteran Hero program. Of the veterans who were recognized, 1,217 served in the Army, 393 in the Navy, 295 in the Air Force, 257 in the Marine Corps, and 15 in the Coast Guard.



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# HONORING VETERANS IN 473 COMMUNITIES

Ackley  
Adel  
Afton  
Albert City  
Albert Lea (Minnesota)  
Albia  
Alexander  
Allerton  
Allison  
Alta Vista  
Altoona  
Ames  
Anchorage (Alaska)  
Anita  
Ankeny  
Apache Junction (Arizona)  
Aplington  
Apple Valley (Minnesota)  
Arcadia  
Arispe  
Armstrong  
Arthur  
Arvada (Colorado)  
Asbury  
Atalissa  
Atlantic  
Auburn  
Audubon  
Aurelia  
Aurora  
Avoca  
Badger  
Bagley (Minnesota)  
Battle Creek  
Baxter  
Bayard  
Beamman  
Bedford  
Belle Plaine  
Bellevue  
Belmond  
Bernard  
Bettendorf  
Birmingham  
Blairsburg  
Bloomfield  
Blue Grass  
Blue Springs (Missouri)  
Bonaparte  
Bondurant  
Boone  
Boscobel (Wisconsin)  
Bossier City (Louisiana)  
Boyden  
Brandon  
Breda  
Bridgewater  
Britt  
Browerville (Minnesota)  
Burlington  
Burt  
Calmar  
Camanche  
Cambridge  
Cantril  
Carlisle  
Carroll  
Cascade  
Casey  
Cedar Falls  
Cedar Rapids  
Center Point  
Centerville  
Central City (Kentucky)  
Chandler (Arizona)  
Chariton  
Charles City  
Charter Oak  
Chillicothe  
Churdan

Clarinda  
Clarion  
Clarksville  
Clear Lake  
Clermont  
Clinton  
Clive  
Clovis (New Mexico)  
Clutier  
Cobb (California)  
Coggon  
Colcord (Oklahoma)  
Colesburg  
Colfax  
Colorado Springs (Colorado)  
Columbia (Missouri)  
Columbus Junction  
Conrad  
Conroy  
Coon Rapids  
Copperas Cove (Texas)  
Coralville  
Corydon  
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# HONORING AND REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE *Made the Ultimate Sacrifice*

**G**old Star Mother's and Family Day, celebrated on the last Sunday of September, honors mothers, fathers, and family members of fallen military service members. To commemorate the holiday, each year, the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation sends every Gold Star family in Iowa a unique and thoughtful gift to remember and honor their fallen family member.

In 2025, Iowa Select Farms employees selected a custom wind spinner to be sent to the 600 Gold Star families in Iowa. The wind spinners were sent to both Gold Star Lapel Pin recipients and Next of Kin Lapel Pin recipients—widows, widowers, parents, children, and siblings of fallen service members.



**“THE ITEMS THAT THE FOUNDATION HAS GIFTED US OVER THE YEARS ARE MORE THAN JUST THINGS ... THEY KEEP MY BROTHERS MEMORY ALIVE FOR US.”**

— Brenda Mouglin, Oxford, Iowa



# CREATING A SPACE FOR *Connection and Comfort*

**P**rolonged time in a hospital when a child is going through cancer treatment can be hard on the whole family, but can be especially challenging for patients' siblings who spend long hours in an unfamiliar place, getting less time and attention while their sibling receives care.

When Blank Children's Hospital approached the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation with a project to support siblings and families of patients, the Foundation was proud to financially support the initiative.

The Sibling Space at Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines is open for families to use when siblings of children going through treatment visit the hospital. The room, designed to feel more comfortable than a traditional healthcare setting, features beanbag chairs, a video game table, and a comfy couch —all helping the space feel more like home and will give patients and their siblings a space to hang out and spend time together. The space was designed with all types of families in mind, with enough space for children to sprawl out and play, or even for a hospital bed to fit in so that patients and their siblings can spend valuable time together. The room will also give children who are not receiving treatment a place to go if the hospital environment is overwhelming or to spend time with their parents who may be spending extended amounts of time at the hospital.



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# MAKING CHERISHED MEMORIES

## through Special Adventures



Experiencing childhood cancer can impact families in many unthinkable ways, robbing them of the joys that healthy children typically experience during their formative years. For many, time is spent in doctor's offices and hospitals instead of on the playground or at home. The Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation is proud to continue to offer the "A Special Adventure" program to Children's Cancer Connection families. This program offers families a unique, all-inclusive weekend getaway, fostering quality time together and creating memories for impacted families.

These trips are designed with the families in mind. Many families experiencing childhood cancer do not have the luxury of traveling long distances away from their healthcare providers. By offering trips in the state, families have the peace of mind that comes with easy access to essential services.

In 2025, 28 families were granted the opportunity to choose from four Iowa-based weekend trips spanning from May through August. Options included trips to the Iowa State Fair, Honey Creek Resort in Moravia, Iowa, Lost Island Waterpark and Themepark in Waterloo, Iowa, and Bridges Bay Resort at Lake Okoboji. In total, 74 children and 55 parents could partake in a weekend of relaxation and memory-making.

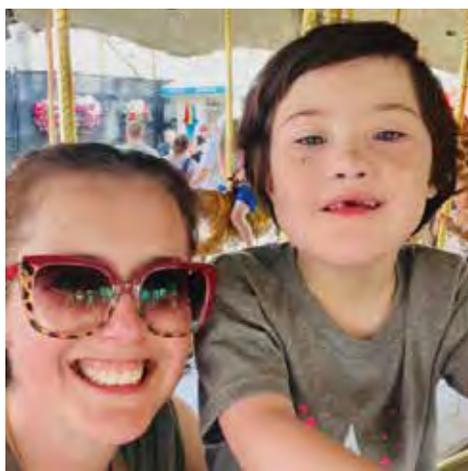
Each all-inclusive getaway includes admissions to all planned activities, gift cards to local restaurants and ice cream shops, a two-night hotel stay, and a backpack containing the trip itinerary and details, family t-shirts, a Fujifilm Instax Mini Polaroid camera, a trip journal, and a set of specially curated surprise fun boxes. These boxes are filled with travel games, toys for the car and hotel, and more, enhancing the overall experience and ensuring that families can unwind, create new memories, and find joy amid the challenges of childhood cancer.

### FAMILIES WHO ENJOYED A SPECIAL ADVENTURE IN 2025:

Allen Family - Splash and Thrill Getaway  
Baker Family - Lake Life Escape  
Davidson Family - Iowa State Fair Adventure  
Elliott-Moore Family - Nature Lover's Dream  
Fholer Family - Nature Lover's Dream  
Gladfelter Family - Iowa State Fair Adventure  
Goodpaster Family - Lake Life Escape  
Guthrie Family - Splash and Thrill Getaway  
Harris Family - Lake Life Escape  
Hugen Family - Nature Lover's Dream

Kennon Family - Lake Life Escape  
Klocke Family - Lake Life Escape  
Koenigs Family - Iowa State Fair Adventure  
Krambeer Family - Lake Life Escape  
Lee Family - Nature Lover's Dream  
Lyttle Family - Iowa State Fair Adventure  
Miles Family - Splash and Thrill Getaway  
Morris Family - Nature Lover's Dream  
Morrison Family - Lake Life Escape  
Parkhurst Family - Splash and Thrill Getaway

Patterson Family - Splash and Thrill Getaway  
Petersen Family - Nature Lover's Dream  
Ryerson-Law Family - Nature Lover's Dream  
Sands Family - Splash and Thrill Getaway  
Shepard Family - Lake Life Escape  
Swink Family - Splash and Thrill Getaway  
Watkins Family - Lake Life Escape  
Willard Family - Iowa State Fair Adventure



# FOSTERING MEMORIES AND *Creating Joy*



In 2025, the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation shipped two unique gift boxes to over 400 families' doorsteps.

The first package came in January- filled with all the supplies for a classic snow day. Families were treated to hot chocolate, mini marshmallows, an indoor snowball fight set, snow brick and snowball molds, a snowman accessory set, and a cozy blanket to snuggle up with after a busy day in the snow.

Later in the year, families were surprised with a kit for a perfect Family Movie Night, complete with popcorn, popcorn boxes, and popcorn seasonings, classic movie theater candies, and a unique card game for a memorable and fun night.

For 10 years, the Foundation has consistently surprised cancer families across Iowa with uniquely themed seasonal or holiday gifts crafted to bring families closer together. Previous themes have included Christmas, Valentine's Day, Spring Gardening, Halloween, New Year's, and Back to School.

These care packages are built to bring families together, create memories, and bring joy to children who are either personally experiencing cancer or watching a sibling go through the challenge.

Acknowledging the unique challenges that holidays can pose, especially for families navigating the complexities of childhood cancer or mourning the loss of a beloved child, the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation takes immense pride in initiatives that bring happiness and foster memories for families that resonate throughout a lifetime.



# NURTURING *Hope and Healing*



For 12 years, the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation has been the largest benefactor of Children’s Cancer Connection’s My Journey Series®. The program is pivotal in directly supporting patients and families at Blank Children’s Hospital in Des Moines and the University of Iowa Stead Family Children’s Hospital in Iowa City. The My Journey Series is a family lifeline, delivering crucial resources such as educational materials, comfort tools, and a bereavement program.

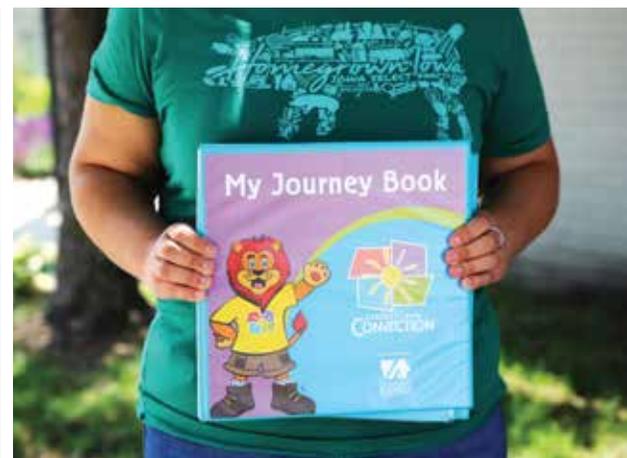
Louie Lionheart is the center of the initiative, a mascot and toy symbolizing courage for these resilient warriors. A plush Louie toy is included in every new family box distributed to each participating family at the start of their cancer journey. In 2025, 70 families were warmly welcomed into the Children’s Cancer Connection community through these family boxes, acquainting them with resources and support.

The My Journey Book, a personalized resource binder, is presented to each family during diagnosis. It is a comprehensive repository for families to organize and store information throughout their cancer journey, allowing for personalization with each new treatment phase.

The Beads4Bravery® program enables children to collect beads that symbolize each medical step of their unique experience. In 2025, 31,308 beads were sent to Blank Children’s Hospital and Stead Family Children’s Hospital.

Another impactful initiative, the Courage Store®, empowers children facing childhood cancer during challenging treatments. Children earn Bravery Bucks® for their courage and resilience during hospital treatments. They can redeem these hard-earned coupons for fun prizes at the Courage Store®, located at Blank Children’s Hospital in Des Moines.

Additionally, the Foundation shipped 13 Star Boxes to families, providing comfort to those who have lost a child to cancer. This compassionate program acknowledges profound grief and offers support to families navigating the harrowing aftermath of their child’s passing.



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