Help Iowa Shares positively change our community

Iowa Shares is a coalition of social change, environmental and cultural nonprofit organizations throughout Iowa. Your support can make a unique and direct impact on our communities through education, advocacy and direct service.

You can support Iowa Shares through workplace giving or direct donation. Your gift will make it possible for our members to strengthen human and civil rights; protect animals and the environment; integrate marginalized communities; and promote reading, culture, and life-long learning.

Supporting Our Communities

Cooperative fundraising through workplace giving is a low-cost, effective tool to raise needed funds and offers donors an easy way to make substantial gifts by utilizing payroll deduction. Workplace giving offers more choices for donors and increases the total amount given.

Cooperative fundraising provides a major portion of funding for many of the smaller organizations within Iowa Shares and augments special programs for other members.

Why support Iowa Shares?

- This federation of Iowa-based charities allows you to easily contribute through your workplace. Make a difference, right here in your home state.
- Your support helps protect children, families, animals, workers and the environment, and strengthens human rights, encourages cultural diversity, promotes the arts, boosts literacy and much more.
- You have the option to support one or more specific member organizations, or contribute to the general fund shared by all Full Member organizations.
- Member organizations benefit Iowa communities through education, advocacy, and direct services.
- Iowa Shares is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, so your contribution may be tax deductible according to IRS rules.
- Iowa Shares has successfully raised funds through direct donations and workplace giving for 30 years.

What sets us apart?

Choice
Donors may select specific Iowa Shares Full and Associate Members to support through one-time gifts or payroll deduction. All designations are honored, including donations to Iowa Shares non-members.

Fairness
If you choose not to designate a specific member, your undesignated contribution is divided among Iowa Shares Full Member organizations.

Effectiveness
We work to keep our administrative costs low so that a greater portion of your donation goes to our member organizations.

Local Control
Representatives from each Iowa-based Full Member organization make all the decisions.

Full Members

- Amnesty International of Iowa
- Center for Worker Justice of Eastern Iowa
- Equality Iowa
- Friends of the Marion Public Library
- Iowa Physicians for Social Responsibility
- Iowa Renewable Energy Association
- Linn County United Nations Association
- Quad Cities Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees
- The Quire of Eastern Iowa
- World Affairs Council of the Quad Cities

Associate Members *

- American Civil Liberties Union of Iowa
- Animal Lifeline of Iowa
- Girls on the Run of Eastern Iowa
- Iowa Humane Alliance
- Johnson County Humane Society
- Trees Forever

Workplace Giving Campaign 2023
Amnesty International of Iowa
https://iowaisa.org
Working to secure the principles of human rights espoused in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights through education and public advocacy via local groups in Ames, Cedar Rapids, and Des Moines.

Center for Worker Justice of Eastern Iowa
https://cwjciowa.org
CWI unites low-wage workers across race, ethnicity and immigration status to pursue social and economic justice through education, leadership training, and organizing. Key issues are immigrant rights, access to housing, minimum wage increases, and ending wage theft.

Equality Iowa
A statewide, grassroots, non-partisan organization working to secure equality for all Iowans, Iowa’s LGBTQ communities, un- and under-served. Helping provide a voice & visibility working to secure equality for all Iowans, Iowa’s LGBTQ communities.

Friends of the Marion Public Library
https://mpliowafriends.org
This non-auditioned choir welcomes all LGBTQ+ folks and has been a part of this non-auditioned choir since 1992. For 25+ years (one of the longest-running LGBTQ+ groups), we have been a part of this non-auditioned choir. Our mission is to provide musical excellence in choral music. Serving Eastern Iowa through high-quality programs that are inclusive and open to everyone.

The Quire of Eastern Iowa
https://thequire.org
A choral group for LGBTQ+ people, promoting a positive image of these communities and a message of justice through excellence in choral music. Serving Eastern Iowa for 25+ years (one of the longest-running LGBTQ+ groups), this non-auditioned choir welcomes all LGBTQ+ folks and any respectful and affirming allies.

World Affairs Council of the Quad Cities
https://www.waucpc.org
The World Affairs Council of the Quad Cities is committed to educating and engaging the Quad Cities in global affairs by promoting the exchange of ideas and experiences through high-quality programs that are inclusive and open to everyone.

Iowa Renewable Energy Association
https://ireneu.org
Dedicated to educating Iowans about sustainable, renewable energy technologies and partnering with members and other non-profits to support and encourage renewable energy development.

Linn County United Nations Association
http://unaiowa.org/chapters/linn
Working to achieve an effective U.S. involvement in a strengthened United Nations, we raise awareness through advocacy, public programs, study groups, U.N. Day celebrations, and collaboration with community groups.

Quad Cities Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees
https://qcair.org
Supports and advocates for immigrants and refugees, and works with area agencies to ensure that they receive appropriate services. Provides guidance on their path to US citizenship. Educates the community on the cultures and contributions our immigrants and refugees bring to society.

American Civil Liberties Union of Iowa *
https://acluiowa-iaw.org/
This state affiliate of the national ACLU fights to advance civil liberties for all. We uphold everyone’s constitutional civil liberty rights, no matter who they are or what they believe—from atheists to devout Christians, from labor unionists to businesspeople and more.

Animal Lifecycle of Iowa *
https://animal-lifecycle.com
Central Iowa’s only special needs, no-kill animal shelter. We rescue and rehabilitate cats and dogs that are injured, handicapped, have a serious medical condition, abused, pregnant and nursing, or orphans that require bottle feeding, and then adopt them into loving forever home.

Girls on the Run of Eastern Iowa *
https://girlsontheruniuwa.org
At GOTR, we inspire girls to recognize their inner strength and celebrate what makes them one of a kind. Using the power of running, 3rd-8th grade girls develop essential skills to help them navigate their worlds and establish a lifetime appreciation for health and fitness.

Iowa Humane Alliance *
https://iowahumanenalliance.org
Provides high-quality, affordable spay and neuter services to reduce animal over-population and euthanasia of healthy animals. Programs include Love For Pets Outreach, Spay/Neuter, Transport, and Trap/Neuter/Return Resource Assistance. We support other animal welfare organizations.

Johnson County Humane Society *
https://johnsoncountyhumaneiowa.org
JCHS helps keep companion animals out of shelters by providing assistance for spay/ neuter and other medical needs, distributing pet food to those in need, helping with trap-neuter-return, and offering advice and referrals. JCHS promotes the humane treatment of all animals.

Trees Forever *
https://treesforever.org
Determined to make a difference in our neighborhoods and communities, we plant and care for trees, shrubs, native grasses and the environment. Our work empowers people, builds community, fosters stewardship and promotes the value of our natural areas for future generations.

* Associates receive designated donations only.