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community foundationSM

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Mission Statement and Beliefs

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The purpose of The Jackson County Community Foundation is to assist all citizens of greater Jackson in improving the quality of their lives. The Foundation does this by building permanent endowment funds to support its work as a community grantmaker and community leader.

The following beliefs guide The Jackson County Community Foundation in its work:

- A healthy community is based on self-sufficient individuals and families who are themselves healthy, caring, and responsible.
- Lasting positive change includes active citizen involvement at the grassroots neighborhood level.
- The most effective means of solving community problems are comprehensive community-wide strategies that focus on prevention and are targeted at root causes.
- Wise use of community resources requires being accountable for measurable outcomes.
- Excellence in the delivery of nonprofit programs and services requires a commitment to both mission and management.
- A diversity of individuals, organizations and perspectives is essential to any effective community building effort.
- Strategies that build on community assets and strengths rather than focusing on deficits and weaknesses are most effective.
- Respect for and development of local leadership and traditions strengthens the community.
- A community-wide commitment to lifelong learning, development and growth for all citizens is essential to sustaining a healthy community.