



# Growing Change

2008 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



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# THE SCOTT COUNTY REGIONAL AUTHORITY

THE SCOTT COUNTY REGIONAL AUTHORITY IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, WHOSE MISSION IS TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS OF SCOTT COUNTY, IOWA THROUGH THE DISTRIBUTION OF GAMING FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE ISLE OF CAPRI CASINO-BETTENDORF.

The SCRA provides funding to educational institutions, government / civic and not-for-profit organizations through a grant process.

These funds are generated from gaming receipts received through the Isle of Capri Casino-Bettendorf.

Funds are awarded twice per calendar year. Funding applications with guidelines and procedures are available online at [scottcountyregionalauthority.com](http://scottcountyregionalauthority.com) or at local public libraries, school districts, city halls, chambers of commerce as well as the SCRA office. They can be picked up March 1st and September 1st and are due to the office April 1st and October 1st, respectively.

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## PREVIOUS AWARDS

1991	69,562
1992	50,245
1994	105,804
1995	763,640
1996	2,241,422
1997	3,030,810
1998	3,305,348
1999	4,233,140
2000	4,001,598
2001	4,363,852
2002	4,020,755
2003	4,225,267
2004	4,577,915
2005	4,525,313
2006	4,307,497
2007	4,097,092
2008	4,519,314

**TOTAL**  
**\$52,438,574**

# WELCOME OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS



## **SR. MARCIA ECKERMAN**

Marcia is a marketing / development professional currently working for an organization in DeWitt that provides services to individuals with mental illness and developmental disabilities. Marcia holds a B.A degree in Business Administration from Marycrest. Her community involvement includes: Finish Line Volunteer, Bix; Ambassador, Festival of Trees; Usher, Adler Theatre; Member of American Fundraising Professionals; Chair, City of Davenport High Performance Work Group – Diversity; Finance / Stewardship Committee, Sisters of Humility; and previously, Board of Directors, AIDS Project Quad Cities.



## **MARK ROSS**

Mark is the president of Ross Business Services, a sales and business development company. Mark holds a B.A. degree in accounting from Wartburg College. His community involvement includes: Genesis Helath Services Foundation Board; Bettendorf Rotary Board; Advisory Board – Bettendorf Scott County Family Y. Mark has been a grant reader since 2005.

# A THANK YOU TO RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS

THE SCRA WOULD LIKE TO THANK MICHELE AND LORETTA FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF UNSELFISH SERVICE TO THE ORGANIZATION AND THE PEOPLE OF SCOTT COUNTY. THEY HAVE BEEN AN ENORMOUS ASSET AND WILL BE MISSED.



**Michele Dane (2003-2008)**

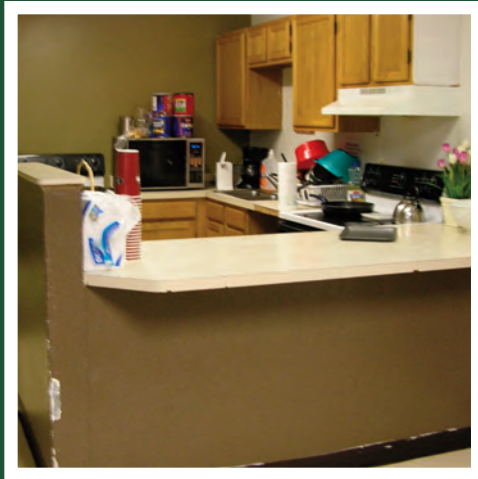
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Government Panel Chair (2007/2008)  
Panel Reader (1997/1998/1999/2000/2001/2002)**



**Loretta Gamble (2003-2008)**

**Government Panel Chair (2004/2005)  
Government Panel Vice Chair (2003)  
Education Panel Reader (2006/2007/2008)**





**FAMILY RESOURCES, INC.  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER**

Renovation of the kitchen at Family Resources, Inc. Domestic Violence Shelter will assist in promoting a healthy environment for women and children that reside at the shelter. The remodel will allow the residents to have the appropriate appliances and adequate space to spend time with their family and teach life skills to their children and peers. The space will be transformed into a welcoming and positive environment that will encourage the women to grow and to bring greater focus on the many aspects of healthy living.

For many of these women, cooking can be therapeutic and the kitchen is an inviting place for them to gather. Our goal is to provide a safe environment in which these women and children feel at "home". We feel that this space will offer a welcoming atmosphere and encourage these interactions between families, peers, and staff members.

Photograph above shows the kitchen area to be renovated.

**SCRA Grant Award: \$54,816**



**GIRL SCOUTS  
OF EASTERN IOWA AND  
WESTERN ILLINOIS**

Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois is "Growing Change" not only at its Camp Conestoga near New Liberty, but also with the hundreds of girls who attend the camp each summer. With the help of grant dollars from the Scott County Regional Authority, the local Girl Scout council was able to accomplish the following at camp recently: repair the dining hall chimney, upgrade and repair the Trails End camp site, install a latrine and fencing at the horse corral, purchase a used Gator and repair a wood chipper.

Through its programs, Girl Scouts is "Growing Change" to build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

**SCRA Grant Award: \$20,000**



**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY  
TRACK CLUB**

With the assistance of the SCRA, the Mississippi Valley Track Club was able to purchase new uniforms and track equipment such as starting blocks, discs, javelins, etc. There was a record turnout of over 100 young athletes joining the club for the 2008 season.

MVTC feels that the track program provided to youth is "growing change" in the community by providing opportunity for them take pride in the improvements and accomplishments in events they enter; giving them an opportunity to showcase the talent and kindness of Quad City youth to other people at regional and national track meets they attend; providing them an outlet for physical activity during the summer; and lastly, providing an established regimen of hard work and dedication that will stay with them as they mature and become involved in the community through jobs and volunteerism.

**SCRA Grant Award: \$2,500**



**GROWING CHANGE FOR DAVENPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY**

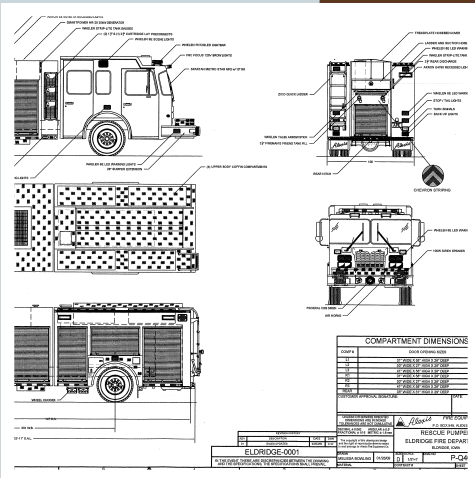
Davenport Public Library is definitely experiencing change with its "Branching Out" Project. This project has included the construction of the Fairmount facility which has been very successful. The opening of that facility has actually increased usage at the Main Library. In a State Library of Iowa study that was conducted in January 2009 comparing the 1st six months of FY2009 to the 1st six months of FY2008, the study showed that total computer usage had increased by 30%. Davenport's library programs for teens and for children have been recognized by the national and state media as exceptional.

The library is "making a difference" also through its recognition by the International City / County Management Association (ICMA) for the high rating it received (91%) from its 2006 Citizen's Survey. This was the highest rating nationally for customer service, and for that reason, Davenport Public Library was included in its "best practices" publication, *What Works: How Local Governments Have Made the Leap from Measurement to Management, 2008*.

The library also received a similar high rating in its 2008 Citizen's Survey. The library is preparing for extending library services through its Eastern Avenue Branch Library which is anchoring a new subdivision in the north central areas of the city. The Vision Iowa Board has awarded a Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) grant of \$1.2 million for the project which will provide a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) building that will indeed attract many visitors from throughout the region. A ground-breaking ceremony is being planned for July with opening of the new facility in June 2010. Without the support of SCRA, this project would not be possible. Thanks to SCRA for truly "growing change" through the assistance with this economic development project!

**SCRA Grant Award: \$250,000**  
**Funding Received To Date: \$550,000**





## THE ELDRIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

The Eldridge Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. feels that obtaining this Rescue Pumper is “growing change” in the community because it allows the accomplishment of more tasks in a more efficient manner. The department has seen a significant increase in emergency call volume in recent years but a decrease in membership.

This project allows response to calls of any nature with minimal staffing, if necessary. Currently, when responding to vehicle accidents, the EVFC has to respond with 2 apparatus. This project allows for consolidation and response with 1 apparatus if manpower is an issue. Also, the possibility of returning from an emergency medical call and having to respond to an emergency call of a fire nature has greatly increased. This project is a sign of the times and justifies the need for efficiency.

**SCRA Grant Award: \$50,000**



## PLEASANT VALLEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

The SCRA grant has provided Pleasant Valley Junior High students with a great opportunity to explore mathematics through technology. The technology (laptops, graphing calculators and interactive whiteboards) has allowed students to go beyond the basic concepts and learn how the mathematical concepts are connected to each other. The technology aids (proximas and document cameras) have raised the interest level of the students as educators can relate the concepts to real life applications in ways that were not possible before.

The exposure to technology at an early age helps students see problems from many different perspectives and helps them grasp that a problem may be solved multiple ways with the same solution in the end. The students and mathematics department would like to thank the community and the SCRA board for their generosity and support of education.

**SCRA Grant Award: \$174,043**



## NORTH SCOTT SCHOOL DISTRICT: NORTH SCOTT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Student safety is the number one priority at North Scott Junior High School. Thanks to a recent SCRA grant, students have are now even safer. Hallways, parking lots, entrances and exits are monitored before, during and after school by a new web-based video surveillance system. This equipment is used in a proactive manner so that potentially harmful or illegal incidents can be avoided.

Additionally, any necessary investigations now require less time to complete, allowing the availability of human resources to help students become successful agents of positive change in our community and in their lives.

**SCRA Grant Award: \$164,421**



### **NORTH SCOTT SCHOOL DISTRICT: ORCHESTRA PROGRAM**

The North Scott School District has grown over the last two years. The recent addition of the orchestra has added interest and interaction among students and the community.

We have more than doubled in size since we started the program last year and there are currently students in the high school and junior high orchestra. The addition of the orchestra took time and planning, but without the grant money we would not have instruments for the students. We have also received grant money to further expand the program due to the large interest in student participation! This program also helps students from other districts continue to play when they begin attending this district. This was never an option before the program started.

***SCRA Grant Award: \$164,421***



### **ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY**

St. Ambrose University is 'growing change' in the community with the development and implementation of a graduate program in speech-language pathology that will enroll students beginning in the fall of 2009. Supported in part by a grant from the SCRA, this program will teach future practitioners to identify and prevent speech, language and early reading development risk factors in pre-school children. Early detection and prevention services may decrease unnecessary referral to special education for struggling children who can benefit from modified instructional techniques, short-term but intensive remediation, ESL instruction or hearing services.

SCRA funding will allow St. Ambrose to grow change in the community by providing these screening and prevention services free of charge to pre-schoolers enrolled at All Saints Catholic School, Friendly House of the Quad Cities Early Learning Program, the Friendly Kid's daycare program and the St. Ambrose University Children's Campus.

***SCRA Grant Award: \$61,713***



### **THE QUAD CITIES WATERFRONT CONVENTION CENTER**

The Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center is a prime example of the progressive vision local government has for the City of Bettendorf. The facility is a significant achievement for the redevelopment of the downtown and riverfront area. It was the cooperation of the City Council, Isle of Capri and other partnerships such as the Scott County Regional Authority, Vision Iowa Board and the Scott County Board of Supervisors that created this unique facility.

The Waterfront has and will attract business meetings, conventions and other special events to the area. The Waterfront is not just a significant project for Bettendorf, but the entire Quad Cities area. Other cities will benefit as visitors enjoy concerts, sports and cultural events and the natural habitat along the Mississippi River. The Waterfront will become a major business and tourist attraction, which will make Bettendorf and the Quad Cities area a destination point for the Midwest.

***SCRA Grant Award: \$333,334  
Funding Received To Date:  
\$3,333,333***

# 2008 SCOTT COUNTY REGIONAL AUTHORITY GRANTS

American Red Cross of the Quad Cities	16,504	Meal Service of Scott County, Inc.	20,000
Ballet Quad Cities	17,500	MidCoast Fine Arts	40,000
Bennett Community School District	18,000	Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency	25,000
Bethany for Children & Families	31,148	Mississippi Valley Blues Society	10,000
Bettendorf Community School District	333,627	Mississippi Valley Track Club	2,500
Bettendorf Parks & Recreation	5,000	New Ground Theatre	5,000
Bettendorf, QC Waterfront Convention Center	333,334	New Liberty Volunteer Fire Department	50,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters	15,000	Niabi Zoological Society	50,000
Blue Grass, City of	50,000	North Scott Community School District	164,421
Boy Scouts of America, Illowa Council	6,179	Opportunities Never Ending Foundation	33,600
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Valley	32,000	Pleasant Valley Community School District	174,043
Center for Alcohol & Drug Services, Inc.	27,908	Princeton Fire & Rescue	82,551
Child Abuse Council	5,000	Princeton Police Department	21,900
Christian Care	14,500	Princeton, City of	14,202
Churches United of the Quad City Area	13,600	Project Renewal	1,000
Community Action of Eastern Iowa	23,000	Putnam Museum & IMAX Theatre	100,000
Community Health Care, Inc.	40,000	Quad Citians Affirming Diversity (QCAD)	3,500
CommUniversity, Inc.	4,000	Quad Cities Interfaith	2,100
Cornbelt Running Club	50,000	Quad City Arts	40,000
Countryside Community Theatre, Inc.	6,500	Quad City Helicopter Emergency Medical Service	14,998
Davenport Community School District	416,910	Quad City Sled Hockey Association	5,000
Davenport Lend-A-Hand Housing Corp.	25,000	Quad City Sports Center	40,000
Davenport Parks & Recreation	32,000	Quad City Symphony Orchestra	20,000
Davenport Public Library	250,000	River Action, Inc.	10,000
Diocese of Davenport Schools	117,233	River Center Adler Theatre	27,005
Durant Community School District	32,782	River Music Experience	20,000
Durant, City of	60,000	Safer Foundation	26,311
Eastern Iowa Community College District	120,435	Salvation Army	35,000
Ecumenical Housing Development Group	20,000	Schuetzenpark Gilde	5,000
Edgerton Women's Health Center, Inc.	52,885	Scott County EMS Association	89,929
Eldridge Park Board	11,625	Scott County Family Y	80,000
Eldridge Volunteer Fire Department	50,000	Scott County Fire Chief's Association	82,474
Family Museum	19,000	Scott County Housing Council	199,170
Family Resources, Inc.	54,816	Scott County Sheriff's Department	11,247
Figge Art Museum	30,000	Skills, Inc.	19,995
Friendly House	32,347	St. Ambrose University	61,713
Friends of the Quad Cities	782	Supplemental Emergency Assistance Program	10,000
Friends of Vander Veer	50,920	The Student Food Drive	5,000
Generations Area Agency on Aging	8,320	Thomas Merton House, Inc.	45,000
Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois	20,000	United Way of the Quad City Area, Inc.	5,000
Hand In Hand	11,220	Up With Families	7,000
Handicapped Development Center	80,000	Vera French Community Mental Health Center	80,000
Junior Achievement of the Heartland	8,450	Vera French Housing Corporation	25,000
Kaaba Shriners - Shriners Hospitals for Children	19,000	Walcott Volunteer Fire Department	50,000
LeClaire Community Library	6,170	Western Illinois University	25,000
Marquette Academy	9,540	WQPT-TV	40,000
Maysville, Town of	20,000		
McCausland Fire Department	25,000		
McCausland Police Department	12,420		

**2008 GRAND TOTAL \$4,519,314**