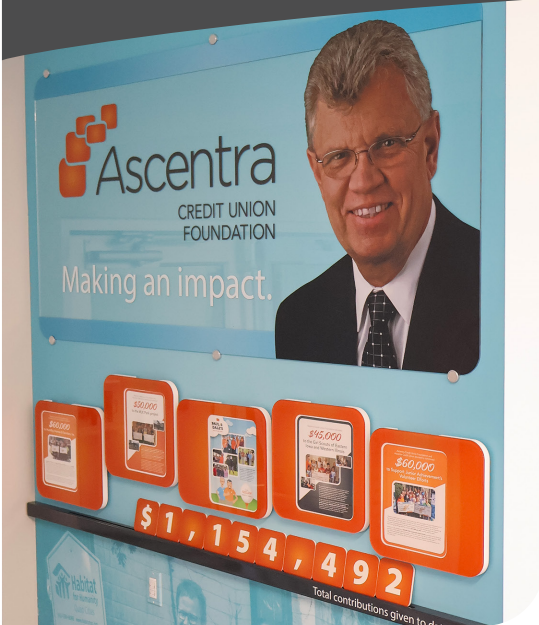


2025 MAKING AN IMPACT



10 Years of Making a Difference

In 2025, Ascentra celebrated two meaningful milestones: the credit union's 75th anniversary, founded in 1950 in the basement of Alcoa, and 10 years of impact through the Ascentra Credit Union Foundation. While the foundation was established in 2014, its giving began in 2015, marking a decade of service to communities across the Quad Cities, Muscatine, and Clinton.

Over that time, the foundation has invested more than \$1.1 million into the communities where our members live and work, supporting efforts addressing food and housing insecurity, youth programs, and other critical needs. While proud of what has been accomplished, the foundation remains focused on what comes next. In today's challenging economy, the need for support is greater than ever.

In 2025, the foundation continued its annual support of organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, Junior Achievement, and Girl Scouts. It also supported local college students facing education-related roadblocks through the Student Assistance Fund and added Humility Homes as a recurring grant partner after a successful matching effort.

As the needs in our field of membership remain high, the Ascentra Credit Union Foundation is committed to creating lasting impact through funding, volunteerism, and partnerships. Thank you for your continued support.



Total contributions given to date:

\$1,154,492

MISSION

Established in 2014, the mission of the Ascentra Credit Union Foundation (ACUF) is to improve the quality of life for the membership of Ascentra Credit Union and further the philanthropic outreach in the communities we serve. Our focus will be on funding work to enhance youth development, expand credit education opportunities, foster community development, support cultural activities and invest in ways to enhance the financial viability of the underserved.

Annual Leadership Grants

Each year, the Ascentra Credit Union Foundation provides \$1,000 to each Ascentra board, foundation committee, and Executive Team member to donate to a local organization of their choice.

They may give the full amount to one organization or split it among multiple recipients. In total, \$36,000 was donated to 33 organizations serving residents within the credit union's field of membership.

33 ORGANIZATIONS
SUPPORTED
\$36,000



IN TOTAL GRANTS
AWARDED

VISION

It is the vision of the Ascentra Credit Union Foundation to honor the memory of former President and CEO Paul Lensmeyer and to meet the charitable and educational objectives of the board of directors of Ascentra Credit Union.

Run With Carl

Since 2019, the Ascentra Credit Union Foundation has been the title sponsor of the Run with Carl 5K walk/run. Established in 1995, the annual Labor Day race was the primary funding vehicle for the Carl D. Schillig Memorial Fund until 2014. At that time, the Bettendorf Community Schools Foundation and the Pleasant Valley Community Schools Foundation joined together to continue the race. Funds raised directly supports grants and scholarships for local students. In 2015, Ascentra began supporting the well-known race, and in 2019, the foundation stepped in as title sponsor, a role it has held ever since. Each year, we contribute \$10,000 as the title sponsor, host a sponsor tent with water and swag, and take photos of runners on race day.



Lasting Commitments to Our Communities

Although our lump-sum commitments are necessary to help support our community in times of need, the Ascentra Credit Union Foundation understands that long-term grants are needed to sustain programs that are important to the growth and unity of our community. Currently, we continue to provide yearly grant funding to support four organizations that are vital to the future of Clinton, Muscatine, and Quad Cities.



Total Grant Value: \$20,000
Increments: \$5,000 + \$5,000
incentive per year for 2 years
Grant End: 2026



Total Grant Value: \$50,000
Increments: \$10,000
a year for 5 years
Grant End: 2028



Total Grant Value: \$30,000
Increments: \$10,000
a year for 3 years
Grant End: 2025



Total Grant Value: \$30,000
Increments: \$10,000
a year for 3 years
Grant End: 2026

Ascentra Credit Union Foundation Student Assistance Fund - Giving College Students a Fighting Chance

Ascentra partners with four local community colleges to provide emergency grants for students facing unexpected barriers to their education, such as car repairs, rent challenges, or essential school supplies. Funds are evaluated twice a year to ensure each college has the funds to support students' needs based on established criteria.

- **Blackhawk College** – Grant assisted 21 students with housing related needs, rent assistance, tuition, class fees, books and required supplies for a total of \$6,163.78.
- **Scott Community College** – Grant assisted 12 students with rent, utilities, or car payments for a total of \$4,989.72.
- **Clinton Community College** – Grant assisted three students with background checks, technology needs, and rent assistance for a total of \$1,051.73.
- **Muscatine Community College** – Grant assisted students with emergency needs for a total of \$2,700.

"I am currently living paycheck to paycheck. This extra support will put me in a position to keep my head above water."

"If I didn't have your support, I'm not sure what I would do."

"This funding will help tremendously to catch up, so we can stay in our house."

Hacking up the Course in the Spirit of Friendship and Giving!

Every year since 2015, we have been blessed with big hearts, smiling friends, and good weather for this golf outing! Some say it's pure luck, but most know that Paul and Dale are sending good vibes to their friends, colleagues, and family so a beautiful day on the links can be enjoyed.

This year was no different. 146 of the foundation's closest friends joined us for stories, games, and other shenanigans on Sept. 8. The result of this event was 116 golfers, 146 attendees, 31 sponsors, and \$26,216.34 raised.

Since its inception, the Paul & Dale's Hack N' Give Back has raised \$262,215.36!

Join us in 2026 on Friday, Sept. 25, at Palmer Hills in Bettendorf.



PAUL & DALE'S

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