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JOY AND ROD THORSON

Donor Advised Fund Co-Founders

Joy Thorson was born and raised in Iowa, and Rod Thorson grew up in New Mexico. Both earned their Bachelor of Arts degree and after studying at the University of Northern Iowa, Joy began employment at UNI where she worked as an administrative employee for 38 years.

When the couple began their life together in 1998, they shared a common interest in wanting to make a difference in their community. For them, the concept

of philanthropy centered around generosity and caring for others, and it wasn't until they were updating their wills that they learned how the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa (CFNEIA) could be a part of their charitable plan.

“We learned of the Community Foundation through our attorney as part of our estate planning,” said Joy. “We had heard of the Foundation, but never investigated how it could assist us in benefiting our community and beyond. Our attorney recommended working with the Foundation and we're so happy he made the suggestion.”

The couple established the Joy and Rod Thorson Fund, a donor advised fund with CFNEIA, to be able to make grants to charitable causes important to them. Joy and Rod are passionate about supporting organizations focused on food insecurity and people with medical and/or special needs. They also support organizations outside of Iowa that focus on social, medical, and educational insecurities.

Through their fund, the Thorsons are able to see the impacts of their fund now, while also knowing they will make a difference in the future.

“Our goal is to continue giving beyond our lifetime. We would like to be remembered as people who cared for others and who lived their faith-based beliefs,” Joy said.

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