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CHARLES AND DONNA WALKER

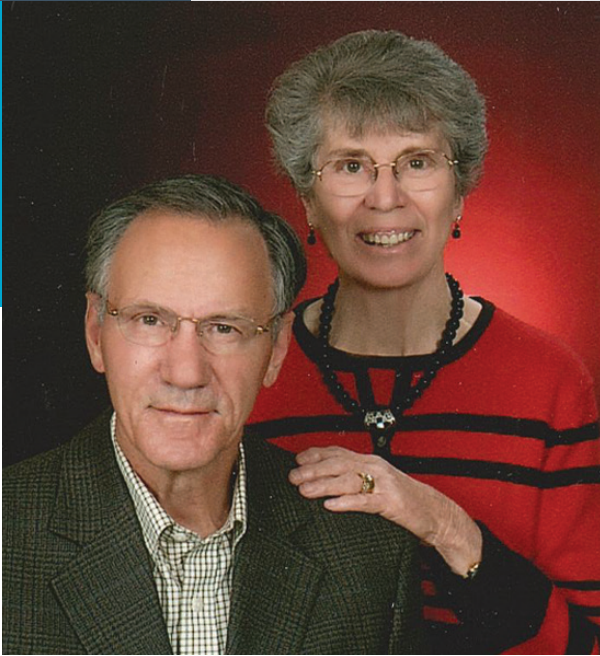
FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND

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CHARLES WALKER
Fund Founder

Charles and Donna Walker both grew up in Waterloo, Iowa and graduated from Waterloo West High School. Donna attended the University of Iowa for 2 1/2 years and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. Charles attended Grinnell College where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree. The two married on March 23, 1957, and Donna accompanied Charles as he served two years in the U.S. Army. Following his service, they lived in Waterloo and Ames, Iowa and started their family.

Charles worked for seven years at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in the Bank Examination Department and during this time when their kids became school age, Donna resumed her education. She received her Bachelor of Science degree with distinction in elementary education from Iowa State University and she was a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Society. From there, the family moved to Ft. Madison, Iowa where Charles joined the Fort Madison Bank & Trust Company in 1970 and Donna began teaching first grade. Charles served in numerous managerial positions and ended his tenure there as president. Donna received numerous awards for her professional dedication to teaching, including Teacher of the Year in 1981-1982. Charles and Donna moved to Clear Lake, Iowa in 1990 where Charles worked for the Resolution Trust Corporation and retired the following year. Donna continued teaching for another six years. Donna passed away in March of 2012.

In 2020, Charles established the Charles and Donna Walker Family Endowment Fund as a way to give back to the community, similar to his paternal grandfather and father. “I learned by example,” said Charles. “My father had a strong philanthropic nature and in his later years he made significant gifts to the Community Foundation. Following his death, I continued to make annual donations to one of those funds, but for income tax reasons I decided to use my IRA as a source of dollars to establish an endowment fund.”

While Charles supports a number of nonprofit organizations annually, he wanted to ensure his financial support for these nonprofits would remain after his death. By creating the Charles and Donna Walker Family Endowment Fund, he is able to provide ongoing financial support for causes that mean the most to him, including the Association for the Preservation of Clear Lake, Central Gardens of North Iowa, Clear Lake Arts Council dba Clear Lake Arts Center, Hospice of North Iowa dba Mercy One Hospice, One Vision, United Way of North Central Iowa, and Waterloo Elmwood Cemetery.

ONLINE GIFTS CAN BE MADE TO THE CHARLES AND DONNA WALKER FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND AT [FUND.CFNEIA.ORG/WALKER](https://fund.cfnea.org/walker). FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS FUND, CONTACT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTHEAST IOWA AT 319-287-9106.