

**DR. KEVIN LOCKE**  
**EMS PROVIDER**  
**ENDOWMENT FUND**

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The Dr. Kevin Locke EMS Provider Endowment Fund was established by Cy and Mona Nelson to support emergency response services in Winneshiek County and to honor the life-saving care Cy received from Dr. Kevin Locke and the WinnMed EMS team.

On what began as a typical day, Cy collapsed without warning while working outside. By a fortunate turn of events, Dr. Kevin Locke—a longtime physician and hospice provider with WinnMed—was nearby and immediately administered hands-only CPR. His quick action bought precious time until on- and off- duty EMS staff arrived. Thanks to their training, swift response, and coordination, Cy survived.

“It still brings tears to my eyes every time I think about it,” said Cy. “The quality of life I have because of Dr. Locke and the team’s response—it’s something I’ll never forget. We really are fortunate to be in Decorah.”

The endowment was established both in gratitude and with the intention to give back. “We know there’s never enough in a working budget,” said Mona. “Our gift will help fill the gap and let the experts decide what’s most needed.”

WinnMed EMS has been serving the residents of Winneshiek County for more than 50 years, responding to over 1,800 calls each year. The service includes a dedicated team of on- and off-duty responders—paramedics, EMTs, and RNs—trained in life-saving care and supported by a hospital-based system that ensures rapid, coordinated response 24/7.

The endowment fund also honors Dr. Locke’s more than three decades of service to the region. In addition to his work as a Mayo-affiliated physician at WinnMed, Dr. Locke has served as the Winneshiek County Medical Examiner and has played an important role in federal disaster medical response efforts. His leadership in emergency medicine has left a lasting impact on the safety and well-being of the community.

Through their generosity, the Nelsons hope to ensure that others in the region continue to benefit from the same high-quality emergency care they experienced. The endowment will help fund equipment upgrades, ongoing training, and service improvements that go beyond the scope of traditional funding.

The Dr. Kevin Locke EMS Provider Endowment Fund is held with the Winneshiek County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa.

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