We are pleased to announce our new Community Collaboration Grants designed to build connectedness in our community.

**Purpose:**
Science teaches us social connections improve physical health and mental and emotional well-being. Community Collaboration Grants support collaborative efforts that build a sense of connectedness between people or create/enhance community spaces where individuals can be active together.

**Who can Apply?**
Collaboration grants support coordinated efforts between multiple community organizations; one organization must be a 501c3 non-profit or a governmental entity. This same organization will:
- serve as the project’s fiscal sponsor
- apply for the grant funding
- receive the grant funding

Grants are available to support communities served by the following school districts: Dodgeland, Hustisford, Ixonia, Jefferson, Johnson Creek, Lake Mills, Waterloo and Watertown.

**Maximum Grant Value:**
These grants will support up to 33% of a proposed project budget with a maximum grant value of $10,000. Applicants must have solidified financial support from at least two other community organizations for no less than 67% of the project cost before approaching GWCHF for consideration.

**Budget Timeline:**
Requests will be accepted on an ongoing basis each fiscal year until the grant’s annual budget of $100,000 is met.

**Criteria:**
Funded projects will:
- enhance community connectedness and/or create spaces for community members to be active together
- have the financial support of at least two local partners other than GWCHF
- have a clear budget and timeline
- create ongoing and sustainable community impact
- not have received past Community Collaboration Grant funding

**Priority Will be Given to Projects:**
- that promote health equity
- with significant volunteer support

**How to Apply:**

**STEP ONE** – Verifying Project Meets Grant Criteria:
Prospective applicants are required to contact Andi Merfeld, GWCHF Grants Coordinator at 920-390-4000 to discuss the potential project prior to submitting an application. Completion of Step One does not guarantee grant will be approved.

**STEP TWO** – Complete Grant Application for Consideration:
Once GWCHF has confirmed the project meets criteria, applicants will be given a code to access and complete the Community Collaborations Grant application through GWCHF’s online grant portal.

**STEP THREE** – Notification of Award:
Please allow up to 6 weeks for notification of official award decision.

**Final Report Requirement:**
Grantees will be required to complete a brief outcome report within 30 days of project end date.