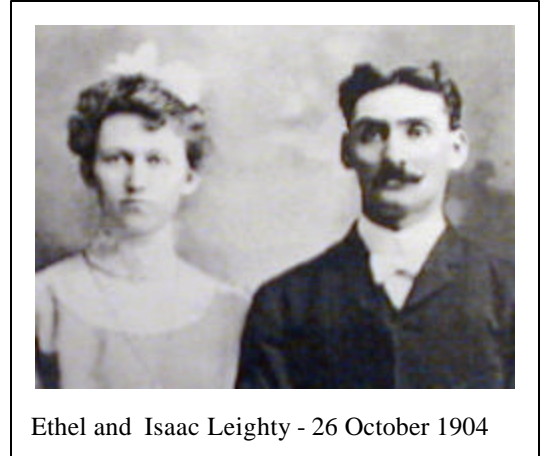


About the Foundation:

The Leighty Foundation has its roots in the humble beginnings of the Isaac and Ethel Leighty family. Isaac and Ethel were married in 1904 and began rearing their five children, while sharecropping in Macomb, Illinois.

In 1919 after helping a neighbor family who contracted tuberculosis, Ethel became bedridden with the disease herself. With five children, four to fourteen, Isaac was forced to give up farming and move his wife and children to a small, two-bedroom home at 321 West Kelly Street in Macomb, which he rented for fifteen dollars per month. He took jobs as a day laborer to feed his family. In her weakened condition, Ethel died during the flu epidemic in February 1921. Isaac and his children had hit bottom.



Ethel and Isaac Leighty - 26 October 1904

Then the miracle began to unfold. God had placed the family in the middle of loving, caring and sharing neighbors and relatives, who rallied to help look after them. Mother Moon, a neighbor with ten children of her own, melded the family in with hers, seeing that they got to Sunday school and had clothing, food and love.

The five children became a close-knit family, leading productive lives that made a difference, each in their own way. Wayne, the oldest, became a Methodist pastor, and a great spiritual resource to the family. Marvin was a hard working manufacturing manager. Veda took on the mothering responsibilities of her siblings at thirteen, and then balanced a career and a family, as an adult. Freida, who had special needs and education requirements, became the focus of compassionate love for the family. H. D. (Ike), the youngest, became a successful entrepreneur, whose contributions created The Leighty Foundation in 1985.

Ike is the co-founder of Engineered Products Company in Waterloo, Iowa, where he has been a business and community leader for fifty years. EPC is the maker of the patented Filter Minder gauge for truck and automotive air cleaners. He sold the business in early 1998 to the management team and employees who have assumed the stewardship for both the increasing potential for the idea...and their own destiny.

Next to love, the most important word in Christianity is stewardship: stewardship of the gospel of Jesus Christ, stewardship of the priceless gift of life, stewardship of the opportunities for love and productivity which God places before us, and the stewardship of the share of His great bounty which may be entrusted to us.

In an effort to insure the continued legacy of the Foundation, Ike invited his two children and their spouses to participate in the stewardship decisions with him. They comprise the Board of Directors. The Board is diverse in their interests, experiences and geographic locations. They continue to build consensus out of that diversity. Six of Ike's grandchildren have volunteered to advise the Foundation.



Directors and Advisors – 25 June 2007

In 2004, Ike and Emile Leighty were married. Emile has become a valued friend and advisor to the Foundation.

We are privileged and humbled to be entrusted by God with the stewardship of resources to help put His arms around those less fortunate than we, to contribute to the creation of a sustainable future, and to encourage others in the development of their philanthropy.

We can never repay that which has been given to us by those who love us - we can only pass it on. It is in this spirit that we dedicate and distribute the resources of The Leighty Foundation.

2006-2007 GRANTS

EARTH PROTECTION

Audubon Alaska

Anchorage, AK
“Conservation and the Future of the Tongass National Forest” power point development and presentations

Center for Science in Public Participation

Bozeman, MT
Alaska Technical and Regulatory Support Program

Environmental Law and Policy Center

Chicago, IL
Midwest Field Office expansion and operations

Friends of Iowa Public Television

Johnston, IA
School (K-12) Connections to Science Projects

Great Plains Institute for Sustainable Development

Minneapolis, MN
Upper Midwest Hydrogen Initiative

Iowa Environmental Council

Des Moines, IA
Energy Program

Iowa Farmers Union Education Foundation

Ames, IA
Renewable Energy Conferences for farmers

Iowa Renewable Energy Association

Iowa City, IA
Energizing Iowa workshop series

The Nature Conservancy of Alaska

Anchorage, AK
Coastal Forests Program

PROMOTION OF PHILANTHROPY & VOLUNTEERISM

Association of Small Foundations

Washington, DC
Lunch & Learn Programs

Catamount Institute

Colorado Springs, CO
Volunteer and Service Learning Coordinator

Children’s Literacy Center

Colorado Springs, CO
Mother Moon Service Scholarship Program

Leadership Pikes Peak

Colorado Springs, CO
Women’s Community Leadership Initiative

Metro Volunteers

Denver, CO
Congress of Volunteer Administrator Association

MOPS International

Denver, CO
Area Coordinator Training Event

Pikes Peak Community Foundation

Colorado Springs, CO
Staff Education & Venetucci Farm Volunteer Management

Uncharted Waters

Colorado Springs, CO
Creation of matching grants program

Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado

Denver, CO
2007 Statewide Stewardship Initiatives

2006-2007 CONTRIBUTIONS

EARTH PROTECTION

1000 Friends of Iowa
Alaska Community Action on Toxics
Alaska Conservation Alliance
Alaska Conservation Foundation
Alaska Marine Conservation Council
Colorado Conservation Trust
Cook Inletkeeper
Earthworks
Earthworks/Alaskans for Responsible Mining
Environmental Defense
Friends of Red Rock Canyon
Garden of the Gods Foundation
National Wildlife Federation/AYEA
Natural Resources Defense Council
Sitka Conservation Society
Southeast Alaska Conservation Council
Southeast Alaska Land Trust
The Land Institute
The Nature Conservancy
Tides Center/Rivers Without Borders
Tongass Conservation Society
Trails and Open Space Coalition
Trustees for Alaska
Union of Concerned Scientists
University of Northern Iowa Foundation/Buy Local

EDUCATION

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo
Colorado College
Discovery Southeast
Dollars for Scholars/Iowa
Manitou Springs Public Library
Portland State University Foundation
The Island Institute

PROMOTION OF PHILANTHROPY

Colorado Association of Funders
Indiana University Foundation
National Center for Family Philanthropy

VOLUNTEERISM

CASA
Center for Nonprofit Excellence
Child Nursery Centers
Court Care
Hope Communities, Inc.
Metro Volunteers
Partners in Housing
Pikes Peak Hospice
Widefield District #3

OTHER

America's Promise
Bread for the Journey
Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists
Camp To Belong
Center for Defense Information
Christians for Biblical Equality
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Dale House
Diana Price-Fish Cancer Foundation
Doctors Without Borders USA
Downing House
Fuller Theological Seminary
Gastineau Humane Society
Gazette Charities/Empty Stocking Fund
Greenfire
National Kidney Foundation of CO, ID, MT
National Public Radio
Pathfinder International
Peak Vista Community Health Centers
Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Project Concern
Rocky Mountain Women's Film Festival
St. Malachy Church
The Greatest Generations Foundation
Virginia Mason Foundation
World-Wide Missions
Young Life - Pioneer Region

Direct Charitable Activities

Our directors are personally involved in supporting our areas of focus. Jane Leighty Justis is active in leadership and training roles with regional and national organizations which support philanthropy and volunteerism. Bill Leighty collaborates in energy policy research and presents papers at national and international energy conferences.

Financial Summary fiscal year-end 2007
Market value on August 31, 2007: \$ 7,156,200.
Contributions & Grants \$219,980.

Grant Application Information

OUR MISSION

To carry on the Leighty Family legacy of service and stewardship by leveraging our time and talents, as well as our financial resources, primarily in the areas of Earth Protection, Education, and the Promotion of Philanthropy and Volunteerism.

GUIDELINES

The Leighty Foundation is a family foundation incorporated under Iowa law. We distribute grants and contributions to tax-exempt charitable organizations only. We are committed to the wise allocation of human, financial, and natural resources. We fund organizations that deal with today's problems and opportunities in ways which meet current needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. We increase the impact of our grants by investing in organizations that effectively utilize volunteers.

We are a small foundation, and since we invest time in some way with each of our grantees, we consider only grant proposals that we have solicited. Please make initial contact through Jane Justis, our Executive Director, with a one-page letter that includes:

- the mission of the organization
- the need to be addressed
- the intended outcome of the endeavor
- the size of the grant requested

If your organization is invited to apply, you will receive a notice from us.

Most of our grant decisions are made during our summer board meeting. However, proposals may be considered at any time during the year.

Grants are usually made for one year or one project. Grants proceed from a formal proposal and range between \$3,000 - \$10,000. A written evaluation of the project is required from each grantee. Contributions are made each year. The majority of contributions are \$500 to \$1,000.

We generally do not consider funding for capital projects. However, when we do, we are particularly interested in building design and energy efficiency, land use, and community planning – consistent with our dedication to sustainability and to sprawl prevention. If you are planning a capital project, we suggest you download our “Investing in Capital Projects” paper from our website.

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