

## SHAPING HEARTS IN SPECIAL WAYS

When you support the FIRE Foundation of Northwest Iowa, you make it possible for students with disabilities and special needs to learn exciting new things and discover their talents alongside their peers and siblings at Catholic schools. Inclusion is about much more than learning math, science, and reading. It's about shaping the hearts of learners in special ways. Your gift to the FIRE Foundation of Northwest Iowa fosters friendships built on compassion, understanding, and love. Having a heart for FIRE means appreciating the value each individual brings to the world.

## INCLUSION BEST PRACTICES BENEFIT EVERYONE

- Increased appreciation and acceptance of individual differences.
- Greater academic outcomes and meaningful friendships.
- All students' needs are better met when there are greater resources for all.
- Prepares all students for adult life in an inclusive society.
- You will not only touch the hearts of students and their families, but those of the entire community.



“The essential task of authentic education at every level is not simply that of passing on knowledge, essential as this is, but also of SHAPING HEARTS.”

—Pope Benedict XVI

## WHEN YOU DONATE TO THE FIRE FOUNDATION OF NORTHWEST IOWA, YOU HELP MAKE ALL THIS POSSIBLE:

- We've awarded grants in just 2-1/2 school years.
- 393 students have been served.
- 81 professionals have attended or will attend development training.
- 8 major and 8 minor grants have been awarded.
- 7 schools have been awarded grants.
- \$161,317 have been or will be paid out.
- Services provided include: 6 paraprofessional, resource or special education director positions have been added, conferences and on-site training, peer sharing with other FIRE groups.
- Sensory equipment and classroom programs added.

## STAY IN TOUCH! CONTACT US AT



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*Igniting Inclusive Catholic Education*

# FIRE

## Foundation of Northwest Iowa

If you believe in the potential of every child, consider supporting our special mission.

Our mission is to champion the inclusion of students with disabilities in Catholic schools by providing educational resources, fundraising and promoting a culture of belonging.

**When you support the FIRE Foundation of Northwest Iowa, you ignite learning, love, and acceptance.**



# FIRE

## TAKES THE WORDS OF JESUS TO HEART

*Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.* —Matthew 19:14

### WHAT BETTER LESSON CAN WE TEACH OUR CHILDREN?

Embracing the most vulnerable members of our Catholic families, the FIRE Foundation of Northwest Iowa, in partnership with the Diocese of Sioux City, takes the words of Jesus to heart and to action. We must reach out with open hearts and minds to those children who, regardless of ability, are also created in God's image.

Strengthening the philosophy of inclusion in our Catholic schools will serve children with disabilities and special needs and thereby enhance every parish community. Students and teachers alike will be living examples of unconditional acceptance.

### YOUR GIFTS OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE KEEP FIRE'S FLAME BURNING BRIGHTLY

#### VOLUNTEER

Assist with a FIRE event or join a committee.

#### DONATE

Send a check or give online. Your donation is tax deductible.

#### PRAY

Remember the children, families, and educators with prayers.

#### SPONSOR

Support a future FUN-raising event.

#### ATTEND

Join us at a future event, including Friends of FIRE.

#### INCLUDE

Remember FIRE in your estate planning and employee gift matching.

“An education in the fullness of humanity should be the defining feature of Catholic schools. An inclusive education finds a place for all and does not select in an elitist way the beneficiaries of its efforts.”

—Pope Francis



“YES! I/We would like to help the FIRE Foundation of Northwest Iowa's mission of supporting inclusive Catholic education by making a donation.”

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I am/We are interested in including the FIRE Foundation of Northwest Iowa in my estate planning.

**Thank you for supporting the FIRE Foundation of Northwest Iowa!**

Your gifts are used to ensure the FIRE Foundation of Northwest Iowa partner schools have the staff and resources to create successful learning environments for students with special needs.

**AMOUNT OF YOUR DONATION**

\$

### 3 Easy Ways to Give

ONLINE: at [firefoundationnwiowa.org](http://firefoundationnwiowa.org)

CHECK: made payable to the FIRE Foundation of Northwest Iowa

CARD: *please include your card information below*

Mastercard  Visa  American Express  Discover



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