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Want to Mentor?

For more information on mentoring or volunteering, contact our Program Director, Seth Stearns

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Online Application



Donna Brown, Mentor & Volunteer

I really believe in the mission of The Job Foundation. I was matched with Kailah when she was in 3rd grade. We have had quite a range of experiences, from attending plays, bike rides, baking, sewing, driving lessons, and so much more. It's been exciting watching her grow from a shy, quiet 3rd grader to a confident, expressive, and caring high school senior.

It's been a wonderful experience connecting with Kailah and her entire family, and I hope to maintain that connection into the future. Kailah has also taught me a few things, including some computer and cell phone uses. Mentoring Kailah has brought me lots of joy and a sense of purpose and fulfillment. I am so proud of her.



Donna Brown (R) and Kailah (L) in 2017



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Senior Celebration

On April 6th, The Job Foundation celebrated our graduating seniors. These students have done an outstanding job over the years. Collectively, they have earned \$28,658.54 and have completed 1,050 financial literacy and leadership lessons.

Job Graduate, Dominiqua Watts (pictured in the middle right on pg. 2), spoke encouragement and inspiration to our seniors at Senior Celebration. She talked about how The Job Foundation has and continues to impact her life. Dominiqua told the seniors about how The Job Foundation Scholarship at Iowa State has allowed her to graduate from college debt free. Also, she reminded the seniors to remember where they come from and to give back to their community.

Congratulations, seniors! We are very proud of each and every one of you, and we can't wait to see what the future holds for you all.



Back Row (L to R): Devontez, Karma, Amarie, Kailah, DeJuan
Front Row: Yasmin



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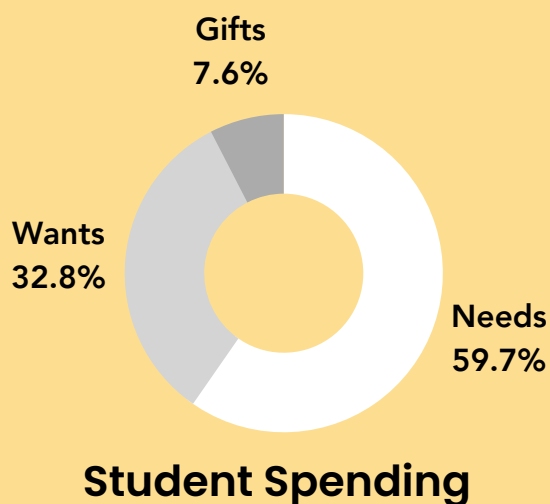


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Charities Students Donated To

- Friends of the Earth
- Hope City Church
- Cedar Valley Humane Society
- Northeast Iowa Food Bank
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Toys for Tots
- True Talent Dance Team



Shopping Day

The Job Foundation believes financial education happens in the classroom and in real-life situations. Elementary and middle school students experience hands-on learning during Shopping Days, held three times per year. Middle school and elementary school students complete a spending plan, balance their checkbook registers, and track their purchases. They can also save extra money and/or donate to various nonprofits.

Hands-on learning allows students to practice the skills they are learning during financial lessons. The Job Foundation has the students categorize their purchases by needs, wants, and gifts. This is because we want the students to remember that they should buy their needs first. Learning to tell the difference between wants and needs sets students up for future financial success because it teaches them financial priorities that will benefit them later in life.



Jordyn, Matt, and Paige (L to R)



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My Waterloo Days Parade

The Job Foundation volunteers, mentors, students, parents, and staff members walked in the My Waterloo Days Parade.

Thank you to the individuals who helped create our float. Also, we would like to recognize and thank our board member, Nick Pfeiffer, for creating a life-size replica of The Job Foundation's logo. We can't wait to continue to use the logo for future activities and events!



The Job Foundation's Parade Float



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Donate Today!

For more information on supporting The Job Foundation financially, please contact our Development Director, Allison Walz

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Online Giving



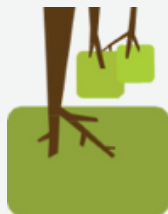
Meet Our New Education Coordinator!

Hello, my name is Courtney Post. I am a 2019 UNI graduate. I earned a bachelor's degree in social studies and Spanish teaching along with a degree in religion. I have taught high school Spanish the past four years at North Iowa Community School in Buffalo Center, Iowa. I also coached the speech team for two years, and I was the assistant cross-country coach for two years.

Throughout my summers in college and teaching, I worked at a nonprofit called the Bridge of Storm Lake in Storm Lake, Iowa. I worked with the youth in Storm Lake to avoid summer learning loss and helped steward them in their youth enterprises of gardening/harvesting in the Cultivate Community Garden and coffee roasting/selling in Endless Sea Coffee. These summers made me appreciate the work that nonprofits do, and I had a desire to make that my full-time job. I am excited to be starting at The Job Foundation this summer!



Courtney Post, Education Coordinator



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