



July 30, 2021

Thank you for completing your organization's 2021 Community Star Nominee Questionnaire!

Overview

Here is a copy of your organization's responses for your records. All nominations will be reviewed and evaluated by members of NOSORH's Community Star Selection Committee. One Community Star will be selected per state. If you are selected as your state's Community Star, I will work with you to schedule an interview so that we can develop your outstanding story to share in our annual book of Community Stars released on Thursday, November 18, 2021.

If you have any questions, please reach out to NRHD Community Star Project Coordinator, Brea Corsaro at bcorsaro@powerofrural.org.

Your Organization's Information

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Organization or Project Website

<https://ruralhealthandsafety.org/>

Please describe in as much detail as possible, the mission of the organization and the work it does in relation to rural health?

MISSION

The mission of the Rural Health and Safety of Eastern Iowa is to promote the health, safety and well-being of rural families and their employees in Eastern Iowa by serving as a trusted source for information, and by providing occupational health, safety and wellness services and education that encourage best health and safety practices.

HISTORY

The concept for our organization was originated by Roger Stutsman and Kelley Donham in 2011. For Kelley, this long sought after project follows a 40-year career as Professor of Agricultural Health and Safety at the University of Iowa, to continue work he started in other areas of the state. For Roger, the initiative was an opportunity to give to his farming community the gift of life, by helping to prevent other families from experiencing the loss of a child to a farm injury, as he and his wife Sally did in 2008.

In 2012, Rural Health and Safety of Eastern Iowa was established as a domestic nonprofit corporation with 501(c)(3) status to engage in activities that develop and provide occupational health and safety services, education, and outreach for rural families and their employees, working in collaboration

with community agencies, local health care providers, and agricultural businesses.

Rural Health and Safety of Eastern Iowa primarily serves families and communities in the following counties: Cedar, Iowa, Johnson, Keokuk, Louisa, Muscatine, and Washington.

ACTIVITIES

We have a focus on the health and safety of rural farm children. Our activities include providing farm health and safety education to Amish school children (our Eastern Iowa rural area has one of the largest Amish communities in the U.S.). We also provide farm safety day camps for farm children where they learn first hands of the hazards that exist on the farm.

We have developed a rural mobile clinic which can supply mobile health, wellness and safety education to rural communities. We provide services and county fairs, Fourth of July parade celebrations, and livestock auctions. Services include wellness services to include cardiovascular, pulmonary, diabetic, hearing, skin, and cholesterol evaluation. This COVID 19 pandemic, we altered our services to provide COVID testing and vaccination services. These services are offered pro bono by our board made up of a retired rural health and safety professor, a rural physician, a farmer, and a rural industrial hygienist, and a rural farm wife nurse.

We have partnered with several organizations. Mercy Hospital of Iowa City is one of our primary partners along with Extension. Mercy's outlying rural



clinics, provides us with excellent venues and opportunities to provide needed services to underserved regions.

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OFFICERS



Current elected officers of the Rural Health and Safety of Eastern Iowa Board of Directors are:

Chair: Roger Stutsman

Vice-Chair: Kelley Donham

Treasurer: Nyle Kauffman

Secretary: Stephanie Leonard

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Rural Health and Safety of Eastern Iowa is supported in part by community organizations and businesses with strong commitments to the health and safety of rural producers and their families.

Our activities are made possible through past and ongoing support from the following donors and partners:

Mercy Iowa City

Cedar County FFA

Community Foundation of Johnson County

Kelley Donham

Eldon C Stutsman Inc.

Farm Bureau Financial Services



Robert D Flynn Family Trust

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Roger and Sally Stutsman, in memory of Michael R Stutsman

Washington County Riverboat Foundation

If you have been nominated as a consortium, what was the catalyst that inspired the group to form?

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Please provide details on each consortium member (if applicable) including each collaborator's organization and the nature of their work?

Collaborating organizations we work with to provide services include:

Mercy Hospital works with us to provide nursing services for our wellness services.

Iowa State University Extension provides venues for programs, and delivery of our education programs to rural clients.

The county health departments in each of the counties in our service area help to promote our services and provides COVID vaccines for our vaccination clinics.

The University of Iowa Hygienic laboratory provides COVID test kits and analysis for our COVID test clinics.

The Farm Bureau helps by promoting and disseminating our education services.

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What is the impact of your organization/consortium on your community of the rural populations served by its efforts?

Our impacts include providing health, wellness and safety education to underserved rural and farm populations in Eastern Iowa. We have provided farm safety education to 80 Amish children and their parents. We provided

COVID testing to over 600 rural and farm workers, several of which are immigrant farm workers. We have provided education on specific rural and occupational health risks to health care providers a. We rose to occasion to provide COVID preventive services at a time when access for rural populations was sparse.

As a non-profit probono organization (we have no paid staff) we were an advocacy beacon for the health and safety of rural populations to local and regional governmental medical and public health organizations.

Has your organization or consortium accessed, benefited from, or worked directly with your State Office of Rural Health?

Kelley Donham was on the Board of the State office of rural Health for many years. During his tenure at the University of Iowa, he founded a program that established legislation to form Iowa's Center for Agricultural Safety and Health. The Iowa Office of Rural Health was a primary component of this organization. Donham recieved an award from the Office of Rural Health reconizing that contribution.

Is your organization a HRSA, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Grantee? If yes, which grant program? If Yes, which one?

No