



RRWA and CoBank SHARING SUCCESS

*Supporting the important work
of nonprofits in Iowa*

For more than a decade, Rathbun Regional Water Association (RRWA) and CoBank have jointly supported the efforts of nonprofit organizations in Iowa. This partnership has been made possible through CoBank's Sharing Success Matching Grant Program. Since the Sharing Success Program began in 2012, CoBank and its customers like RRWA have together contributed nearly \$76 million to nonprofit groups across the country working to improve the quality of life in their communities. RRWA and CoBank have contributed more than \$200,000 to organizations that carry out activities which benefit residents in the Association's service territory.

Organizations and activities supported by matching funds from RRWA and CoBank through the Sharing Success Program include the following:

Rathbun Land and Water Alliance

The Alliance provides leadership, coordination, and assistance for efforts to protect Rathbun Lake. Rathbun Lake is the source of drinking water for RRWA. The Alliance works with hundreds of farmers to apply conservation practices that protect and improve water quality in the lake. Funds from RRWA and CoBank are used for farmer outreach as well as to assist with lake protection practices.

Iowa Rural Water Scholarship Program

Since 2006, the program has awarded 84 scholarships for a total of \$81,000 to college-bound students. Eligible recipients are children of employees with Iowa Rural Water Association (IRWA) member communities and rural systems. Priority is given to students pursuing a career in the water industry. RRWA, CoBank, and other IRWA members and business partners support the program.

Iowa Children's Water Festival (ICWF)

RRWA and CoBank support helps ensure the ICWF continues to be a premier youth educational event. The annual Festival teaches 5th graders from across Iowa about the importance of water. The ICWF is offered as an in-person event at Des Moines Area Community College in Ankeny, Iowa and as a virtual "Water Festival in a Box" to reach the greatest number of students possible in the state.

Food Bank of Iowa

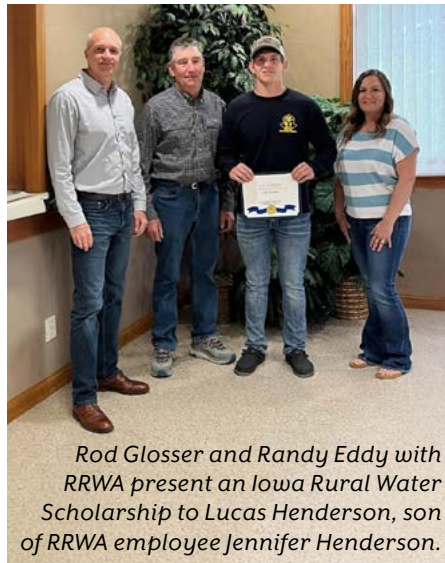
Food Bank of Iowa activities in RRWA's service territory include school pantries, backpack programs, mobile pantries, and senior programs. CoBank and RRWA have helped build the Food Bank's capacity to meet the need for food assistance in southeast Iowa by assisting with the purchase of a box truck for food distribution and cold storage equipment for food pantries in local schools.

Iowa Community Action Partnership (ICAP)

ICAP provides services to more than 13,000 families annually that are struggling with poverty in southeast Iowa. Services offered include early childhood education, parenting classes, mental health counseling, and direct economic support for essential needs. RRWA and CoBank have helped ICAP assist families with housing-related expenses such as mortgage, rent, and utilities.

About CoBank

CoBank is one of the largest private providers of credit to the rural economy in the United States. The bank delivers loans, leases, and other financial services to agribusiness, rural infrastructure, and Farm Credit customers in all 50 states. RRWA has been a CoBank customer since 1989.



Rod Glosser and Randy Eddy with RRWA present an Iowa Rural Water Scholarship to Lucas Henderson, son of RRWA employee Jennifer Henderson.



RRWA staff Jennifer Henderson, Marcy Thamke, and Tesa Hinton volunteering at the Iowa Children's Water Festival.