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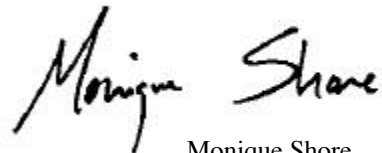
A Word from the President

I am so proud to be involved in Imagine Grinnell during this exciting time! I feel like this organization has been building momentum for the last several years and now we're really hitting our stride! We've made such amazing progress on our programs and initiatives. The focus on energy this year was awesome. The Green Home Showcase and the Sun4Schools grant to install solar panels at GMS were two big successes. We also made great progress in the community garden and local foods initiatives. And of course we continue to work to expand the bike trail and are very hopeful that 2012 will be the year the dream of a Highway 6 underpass will come true. We're also excited to be working with the city to increase recycling in our community and are confident we can get a 15-30% decrease in waste sent to the landfill in the near future.

All of these projects take resources – both in people power and in dollar power. We're proud to say that our membership is growing as people see the results of their membership dollars working for positive change in this community. We also have great volunteers who help with our many projects throughout the year. We couldn't have pulled off the Grinnell Games half marathon, the Local Food Banquet, and all of the 2nd Saturday events without the help of our wonderful supporters – so THANK YOU!

Of course there was a big change at the office this fall as the Executive Director position was handed over to Sarah Smith from Melissa Strovers. Melissa did an excellent job for four years and left us in a much stronger position than she found us. We're grateful that her new position with Grinnell College means that we'll still often get to work closely with her. But Sarah Smith truly hit the ground running and is going to be a great new leader for us. And thanks to the wonderful support staff at GPCF we hardly missed a beat during the transition.

All things considered, there's no reason not to expect 2012 to be another wonderful year for Imagine Grinnell. I hope you'll join me in renewing your membership and jumping on board to help keep the momentum going!



Monique Shore
President
Imagine Grinnell Board of Directors

Meet Our New Executive Director

Sarah Smith became the new executive director of Imagine Grinnell in September of 2011. She brings with her a strong network of existing relationships with people and organizations in Grinnell.

Smith, then Sarah Pohlson, grew up in Grinnell and graduation from Grinnell High School in 1994. In 1998, she graduated from Luther College in Decorah with a B.A. in psychobiology, the application of biology to the study of psychological, genetic, and developmental mechanisms of human and non-human behavior.

At Luther, Sarah met her husband, Dustin Smith, and the two married and moved to the Chicagoland area. Dustin worked as a financial representative for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Sarah worked for Lincoln National Life Ins Co. Sarah's work at Lincoln National first began as an underwriting service representative. After a year, she was promoted to new business supervisor, which included managing an office of 30 personal with work flow and productivity.

In 2006, the couple moved to Grinnell to raise their children Alex (now 7) and Josie (now 5). Dustin took a position at Ramsey-Weeks as a financial consultant and insurance representative. Sarah stayed home full time with their children. Sarah continued to stay active in Grinnell by volunteering her time in several community organizations including, Grinnell Newburg Educational Excellence (GNEE), Dollars for Scholars, Grinnell Regional Medical Center Auxiliary Board, and Fairview PTO. She was also the head coach for the local Parks and Recreation swim team, the Grinnell Tiger Sharks.

In the summer of 2011, Sarah was the volunteer chair for the RAGBRAI committee in Grinnell. She was part of making the event a huge success by recruiting more than 400 volunteers for the event.

"I am honored and thrilled to be the new executive director of Imagine Grinnell," Smith says. "I have known of Imagine Grinnell since its inception 25 years ago. This organization has created and continues to create sustainable living for Grinnell. I cannot wait to help in making that difference in the future."

Sarah and her family enjoy living local and enjoying the outdoors. They enjoy biking as a family and thank Imagine Grinnell for the wonderful recreational trails in Grinnell. Sarah enjoys both vegetable and flower gardening and hopes to be more involved with the Community Garden in 2012. The family loves to swim and both Alex and Josie are part of the Grinnell Tiger Sharks swim team.

As the executive director, Smith is responsible for working with the board of directors, the AmeriCorps member, and the Grinnell College apprentice. She will help organize membership development and project management, locate funding sources, and oversee daily operations of the foundation.



Executive Director Sarah Smith

Partnerships

Community Apprenticeship Program

This year, Imagine Grinnell continued its partnership with the Grinnell College Paid Apprenticeship in Nonprofit Management program through the Office of Community Enhancement at Grinnell College.

The program was created to build relationships with the college, students, local nonprofits organizations, and the community. The nonprofits organizations involved in this program are Imagine Grinnell, the Claude W. and Dolly Ahrens Foundation, the Chamber of Commerce, the Grinnell Area Arts Council, and Poweshiek Iowa Development. As part of this program, an apprentice commits 10 hours of work per week for a full year with minimum interruptions. The apprentices from every organization meet weekly to talk about their projects and find opportunities for collaboration between the organizations.

Our apprentice for the 2011-12 academic year is Emily Stanfield. Emily is a senior at Grinnell College studying sociology. She is also working on a concentration in gender, women's and sexuality studies. She is passionate about sustainable living and agriculture, which is how she became involved in Imagine Grinnell.

Her experience in sustainable living includes her work at Imagine Grinnell as the Community Garden intern as well as her work as co-coordinator of the Grinnell College Student Garden and the Community Garden. In these positions she was able to simultaneously learn about vegetable gardening and the Grinnell community. In the summer of 2011, her interest in food production took her to Kansas City for an internship at a non-profit that promotes urban farming.

Although she has only been an apprentice at Imagine Grinnell since August, Emily has already learned a lot about the organization's structure and its program by helping with the annual report and organizing the Local Foods Banquet. She is happy to be part of an organization that does so much to help the Grinnell community. Emily is excited to start new green energy projects with Imagine Grinnell, and to continue working in the Community Garden. After college, Emily is hoping to continue working in a non-profit organization that promotes sustainable living and agriculture.



Imagine Grinnell Apprentice Emily Stanfield

Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation

Imagine Grinnell partners with the Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation to carry out the community support services through the Claude and Dolly Ahrens Foundation. The community support services program was created to build capacity and promote collaboration among the local nonprofit community by optimizing back office support operations and creating efficiencies through shared staff and administrative functions.

Partnerships

AmeriCorps Member Jordan Scheibel

The last year has been as interesting as it was unanticipated. I had no idea a year ago that I would be working with Imagine Grinnell, nor that I would become so involved and invested in the Grinnell community through my position.

Imagine Grinnell occupies a vital role in the community, filling in the cracks between other organizations and enthusiastically pursuing new initiatives. My work with Imagine Grinnell has allowed me to pursue my passion for sustainability with the support and encouragement of an amazing organization. Having seen Imagine Grinnell through a major transition from one executive director to another, I know the fundamental value of the organization's mission are as strong as ever. I am grateful to Melissa Strovers for her support and partnership over the past year. I have been excited to start working with Sarah Smith as she begins her tenure as executive director. Imagine Grinnell has an amazing capacity to absorb the ideas and passion of its members and staff and to direct that energy into projects and programs that directly benefit the Grinnell community. I feel fortunate to have found a place at Imagine Grinnell.

In November 2010, I was hired as Imagine Grinnell's first AmeriCorps member through a national program called Energy Corps, administered by the National Center for Appropriate Technology. While my initial projects included planning a Green Home Showcase at the Drake Community Library and helping to finish the grant reporting for the Sun 4 School's project, my role has expanded to include all of Imagine Grinnell's environmental programming, from the community garden and local foods to the rain barrel sale and storm water mitigation.

In the next several weeks I will begin my second year of service with Imagine Grinnell. I hope to be able to continue to work with Imagine Grinnell after that commitment is over. Upcoming projects include planning for the 2012 season at the Community Garden and the new garden at the Grin-City Collective, the Grinnell Area Arts Council's artist residency, holding another rain barrel sale in spring 2012, expanding access to the local food in the Grinnell area, working on developing a community kitchen for Grinnell, and continuing energy awareness programming and developing a energy and garden curriculum to use in Grinnell's schools. I know the coming year brings plenty of promise as well as challenges and I look forward to continuing to working with Imagine Grinnell to improve the quality of life in Grinnell.



**Imagine Grinnell AmeriCorps member
Jordan Scheibel**

Quality of Life: **Community**

Local Foods Banquet and Talent Auction

In August, Imagine Grinnell hosted an unusual fundraiser: a local foods banquet with a local talent auction. Thirty-two generous community members donated their time and talent to the auction, offering everything from bagpipe lessons to fly-fishing trips to instant dinner parties for excited auction-goers.

The event, held at the Grinnell Area Arts Council's building, started off with delicious local hors d'oeuvres served by Kamal Hammouda, owner of the Phoenix Café and Market. Drinks were served at a cash bar by the Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce. Live piano music, by Royce Wolf, and more than 100 guests gave the room a fun and lively atmosphere.

Throughout the evening, nine items were available for bid by silent auction. After all guests had arrived and enjoyed their hors d'oeuvres, Craig Cooper, owner of Bikes to You, acted as auctioneer for the 21 items sold by live auction.

The event was a huge success. Everyone who attended and contributed to the event helped support our local economy, environment, and the talents of our community members. Fun was had by all participants, and the event raised more than \$7,000 for Imagine Grinnell! With these funds, Imagine Grinnell can continue to support projects to improve Grinnell's quality of life.



Fun was had by all the guests at the Local Foods Banquet at the Stewart Building in August. The event raised over \$7,000 for Imagine Grinnell.

Quality of Life: **Organic**

Community Garden

Imagine Grinnell led an effort this spring and summer to revitalize the Grinnell Community Garden in Miller Park, a project originally started by Jordan Scheibel and several fellow students at Grinnell College in 2009.

In addition to \$2,400 in initial funding approved by Imagine Grinnell's board through the E-Community fund, the garden was able to garner another \$1,000 in support over the course of the season through rental fees from garden users, the rain barrel sale fundraiser, the Grinnell Garden Club, and Hannah Key, graduating senior recipient of the Lori Ann Schwab '95 Prize for Community Service at Grinnell College.

Imagine Grinnell initially worked with the City of Grinnell Parks and Recreation Department to seek approval for making changes to the garden and to ask for use of the city-owned shed next to the garden for tool and equipment storage. Parks and Rec approved both requests, allowing Imagine Grinnell to build raised beds in the garden and purchase Community Garden tools that could be stored in the shed.

The garden was opened for the first time to community members to rent plots. A total of eight families took advantage of the opportunity, surpassing original expectations and requiring more of the garden space to be dedicated to rental plots. The plots that were not rented were treated as learning and demonstration plots, with produce from these areas going to the free weekly Community Meal at Davis Elementary School and the MICA food pantry.

Imagine Grinnell hosted six public workshops at the garden over the course of the season, leading to improvements including 12 raised beds for growing annual vegetables, herbs, and flowers, a three-bin composting system, and the installation of two rain barrels. Other workshops dealt with growing tomatoes, keeping a garden weed-free, and planting a fall garden. In addition



Compost Bin for Community Day of Service
Below: Board member, Liz Queathem, with her son, Roland Eckhart, helping out with the community garden. Liz and her family rented a plot in the summer of 2011.

to workshops, the garden hosted a number of volunteer events during the season, including being a work site for the Grinnell College First Annual Day of Service and serving as a community service project for Quaker youth during the Friends General Conference in July.

James Yox and Jackie Blair, Grinnell College's local food apprentices for summer 2011, worked extensively in the garden from June through August, hosting children from Galaxy Youth and the Grinnell Area Summer Camp weekly at the garden. Jordan Scheibel served as the overall garden coordinator in his capacity as Imagine Grinnell's Energy Corps member.

In less than a year the Community Garden has come to be seen as a trademark Imagine Grinnell project, garnering praise and support for the organization. An active, thriving community garden improves quality of life for its participants, enhances Miller Park and the surrounding neighborhood, and promotes awareness of gardening and local foods.



Quality of Life: Education

Green Energy Showcase

On, Saturday, March 12, 2011, Imagine Grinnell held the first Green Energy Showcase within the Grinnell Area Home and Business Expo at the high school. Jordan Scheibel, Imagine Grinnell's Energy Corps member, recruited eight vendors to take part in the showcase, including My Handyman; Latcham Geothermal; Iowa Energy Alternatives, LLC; Arpeggio Farms; Jasper County Habitat for Humanity; South Central Iowa Solid Waste Agency; Alliant Energy; Bikes to You; and Upcycle Products. The vendors represented a range of energy saving services from wind turbine installation, energy efficient housing and weatherization to bicycle commuting, rain barrels, and worm composting. Imagine Grinnell also served as a Green Energy Showcase vendor, promoting the Home Energy Audit toolkit at the Drake Library and the Grinnell Community Garden.

The foundation also kicked off its first spring rain barrel sale with the sale of almost 50 discounted rain barrels by Upcycle Products. Five vendor-taught workshops were held over the course of the showcase, including:

- “Water Conservation and Rain Barrels” by Rich Fielding of Upcycle Products.
- “Decent, Affordable, and Energy Efficient Housing” by Doug Garrett and Mark Steinberg of Jasper County Habitat for Humanity.
- “Geothermal 101” by Alan Latcham of Latcham Geothermal.
- “Bicycle Commuting” by Craig Cooper of Bikes to You.
- “Residential Wind Power” by Todd Hammond of Iowa Energy Alternatives, LLC.

More than 115 people signed in at Imagine Grinnell's booth and more than 2,500 people attended the Home and Business Expo.



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Workshop on "Residential Wind Power" by Todd Hammond of Iowa Energy Alternatives, LLC.

Robert Lees Arpeggio Farms Vendor, educating the home show visitors about Worm Composting.



Workshop on "Water Conservation and Rain Barrels" by Rich Fielding of Upcycle Products



Dennis Herrema, from Habitat for Humanity, giving an explanation regarding green initiative that Habit uses for it projects.



Quality of Life: **Participation**

Imagine Grinnell board member and owner of Bikes To You, Craig Cooper gave a workshop titled, "Bicycle Commuting" at the home show. Craig also taught a bike maintenance workshop and a bike rodeo for children to learn safe riding skills during Bike to Work week.



Bike to Work Week

Imagine Grinnell once again organized Bike to Work Week, an event that encourages Grinnellians to both get active and help the environment by choosing to bike instead of drive to work. Many local businesses got involved, including Saints Rest, Casa Margaritas, La Cabana, the Chamber of Commerce, Bikes to You, Pagliai's Pizza, and Lonnski's, by giving prize incentives to everyone who walked into their businesses with a helmet. A few of the fun Bike to Work Week events

included a bike maintenance workshop taught by Craig Cooper at Bikes to You, and a bike rodeo held at Ahrens Park for kids to learn safe riding skills.

With 176 participants, Grinnell had the second highest number of online registered participants in Bike to Work Week per capita for the state of Iowa for the second year in a row, behind only to Des Moines. Imagine Grinnell's goal is to show how bike-friendly the community of Grinnell can be, and get to first place in 2012.

Quality of Life: **Recreation**

2nd Saturdays

On the second Saturday morning of each month from May to September since 2006, dozens of runners, bikers, and walkers of all ages join us for a 5k, 10k, or 20k race on the Grinnell Area Recreation Trail. The trail runs from the Grinnell Community Senior High School to Rock Creek State Park, which is 20 kilometers total. About 105 participants from across the Grinnell area joined us this year to get active on a Saturday morning. Many were able to win prizes throughout the season for their participation.

At the end of the season, Craig Cooper of Bikes to You generously donated a grand prize: a \$150 gift card

to his store. A drawing was held for the grand prize for anyone who had participated in a 2011 2nd Saturdays event. Bob Tarantino—community member and avid biker—won.

“I have enjoyed making new friends this year on the 2nd Saturdays trail biking. I have watched this tradition grow through the years...Looking forward to 2012,” Tarantino says.

Mark your calendars now to enjoy the Grinnell Area Recreation Trail at the next 2nd Saturdays at 9 a.m. on May 12, 2012!



2nd Saturday bikers and runners off for a 5K, 10K, or 20K race on Saturday morning on the Grinnell Area Recreational Trail.

Participants at the finish line winning prizes for their efforts.

Quality of Life: Events

Grinnell Games

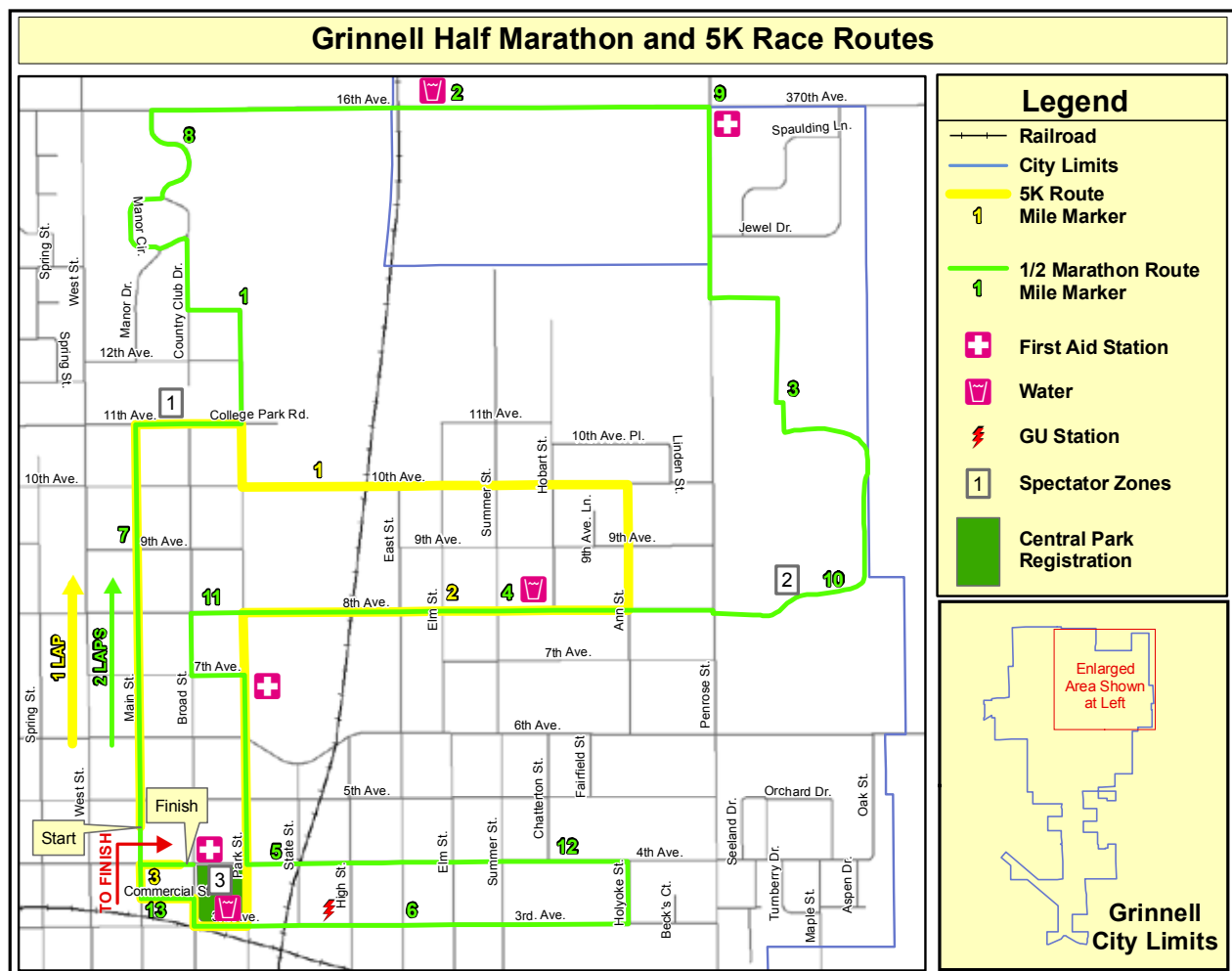
This year Imagine Grinnell collaborated with the Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce on their annual summer Grinnell Games. The Games is an annual family sports festival, with everything from a triathlon, to a twilight bike criterium, to skateboarding competitions.

Imagine Grinnell, in keeping with our tradition of 2nd Saturdays, sponsored this year's Grinnell Games Half Marathon and 5k Run. The race course started at downtown on Main Street and continued to Merrill Park, from there the route varied depending on the race. Both the 5K and the marathon ended near the corner of 4th

Avenue and Broad Street, again in downtown Grinnell.

Grinnell Games attracts participants from across Iowa and beyond, and the half marathon and 5k was no exception. Our 140 participants joined us from as close as the Grinnell area and as far away as Kansas and Nebraska.

Participants and volunteers alike enjoyed the event a great deal. Many participants responded by saying that they are looking forward to running the race again next year! Imagine Grinnell is hoping to continue collaborating with the Chamber of Commerce on this fun and successful event.





In spring 2010, Imagine Grinnell held its first Spring Rain Barrel sale in partnership with the City of Grinnell. By working collaboratively with the city, Imagine Grinnell was able to offer rain barrels to the Grinnell community, helping to reduce storm-water run-off, raise awareness of water conservation, and storm-water mitigation.

Spring Rain Barrel Sale

From March through May, Imagine Grinnell held its first Spring Rain Barrel sale in partnership with the City of Grinnell. Earlier in the year, Jan Anderson, water resources director for the city, approached Imagine Grinnell about the possibility of selling subsidized rain barrels for city residents. Imagine Grinnell drew up a proposal and the City Council's Public Works Committee approved \$2,500 from the storm water mitigation budget to go toward purchasing rain barrels.

Imagine Grinnell contacted several rain barrel companies and ultimately decided to work with Upcycle Products of Minooka, Ill., to develop a municipal rain barrel sale. The goal was to subsidize the sale of 100 rain barrels to Grinnell residents—with one \$25 rebate per household. Rain barrels and accessories were also available to non-residents at full price.

Scott Gilbert, store manager of the Grinnell Hy-Vee, agreed to use his store's parking lot as the drop-off site for the barrels. Upcycle Products kicked off the sale at the Grinnell Area Home and Business Expo in March and the

sale continued through the beginning of May with orders by phone, mail, and Internet. A display rain barrel was installed at the Drake Community Library as an example for residents. All 100 rebates were sold out by the end of the sale and 20 additional barrels were purchased. Rain barrels and accessories were delivered on Saturday, May 7, at the Grinnell Hy-vee. In June, Imagine Grinnell gave a report before the Public Works Committee and will go before the council again in November to discuss having a second rain barrel sale in 2012.

The rain barrel sale was indicative of Imagine Grinnell's vital role in the community of facilitating programs that other organizations do not have the capacity to pursue. By working collaboratively with the city, Imagine Grinnell was able to offer rain barrels to the Grinnell community, helping to reduce storm-water run-off, raise awareness of water conservation and storm-water mitigation, and encourage positive attitudes toward the services that the City of Grinnell provides.

Quality of Life: Sustainable

Energy Awareness Workshops

From January through June, Jordan Scheibel, Imagine Grinnell's Energy Corps member, developed and gave presentations throughout the community focused on the Drake Community Library's Home Energy Audit Toolkits and the energy efficiency and renewable energy incentive programs available through Alliant Energy.

These energy awareness workshops were meant to educate community members about the toolkits and their uses, as well as about resources available for making energy efficiency and renewable energy changes in their homes. Jordan gave presentations for the staff of the Drake Community Library, Grinnell College faculty and staff, and at a Grinnell College class taught by professor Lee Sharpe focused on energy sustainability. Jordan also presented at the Mayflower Forum, the hospital's SE*ED program, and the Methodist Church, as well as at several public programs at the Drake Community library.

A total of 90 individuals participated in the 10 presentations. A survey was used to gauge the impact of the presentation, showing that participants found the workshops helpful, especially in familiarizing them with the Home Energy Audit toolkits and several of the lesser-known Alliant Energy programs.

The energy awareness workshops were a great addition to Imagine Grinnell's existing energy program and serve to exemplify Imagine Grinnell's focus on community education and outreach. Reducing energy use is important to Imagine Grinnell's entire mission, including quality of life, fostering a healthy environment, and promoting economic development



**Former Imagine Grinnell Executive Director
Melissa Strovers explains a piece of equipment.**

by retaining money in the community. Jordan will continue to work on energy projects in the second year of his Americorps program, including developing a curriculum for K-12 energy education and working to increase participation in Alliant Energy's low-income weatherization program.

Quality of Life: **Grinnell**

Service Scholarship

Imagine Grinnell works to encourage sustained civic engagement in Grinnell youth by offering a scholarship to a Grinnell Community High School senior who has participated in at least 100 hours of community service. Because Imagine Grinnell also supports higher education for Grinnell youth, the scholarship award of

\$500 is to be used for college expenses. The 2011 Image Grinnell Service Scholarship recipient is Andrew Hayes.



Andrew got involved in community service through several church group trips, including one to a homeless shelter in Omaha, Neb. Inspired by the good work they saw being done for the homeless in Nebraska, Andrew and a friend decided to help the homeless in Iowa. The two set up a winter

clothing collection boxes in several locations around Grinnell, and collected over 250 items of clothing. They sent the clothes to the closest homeless shelters to the Grinnell area, the Central Iowa Homeless Shelter and the Iowa Homeless Youth Center.

Imagine Grinnell was impressed by Andrew's drive to help his community. We are happy to acknowledge his good work to improve the quality of life in Grinnell by awarding him the 2011 Imagine Grinnell Service Scholarship.

Grinnell Area Recreational Trail

The Grinnell Area Recreational Trail (GART) remains a vital part of outdoor living in Grinnell. The trails allow for enjoyment of our environment in the Grinnell area. Biking, walking (even with a walker), jogging, and skating have all been enjoyed on the GART in 2011. In 2009, a five-foot concrete path was created from Arbor Lake to the Industrial Avenue. This path was added to the existing path on Highway 6 on the west of Grinnell (by Iowa Valley Community College) past Grinnell High School and out to Rock Creek State Park. The goal of the GART is to connect these two paths and to expand to the interstate. Imagine Grinnell is currently seeking grant funding for an underpass at Highway 6 to obtain the goal of connecting the current paths. A softsurface path is also part of 2012 plans to allow joggers to use a softer surface at Arbor Lake.

Iowa Power Fund Community Grant

In January 2011, Imagine Grinnell received \$10,080.40 from the Iowa Power Fund Community Grant program to partner with the Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce to hold a Green Energy Showcase at the 27th Annual Grinnell Area Home and Business Expo and to develop and present energy awareness workshops throughout the Grinnell community. The grant was the second Iowa Power Fund Community Grant that Imagine Grinnell has received in the past two years.

Dear Friends of Imagine Grinnell

As I wrap-up my last correspondence to you as the former executive director, I want to share with you some of my favorite memories.

The past four years have been an incredible experience for me. I have been fortunate to meet and work with a talented group of people. Together we have been able to accomplish many great things for the community. A few of my fondest memories include:

- The collaboration with the Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation and the Claude W. and Dolly Ahrens Foundation to help meet the operational needs of Imagine Grinnell.
- Expansion of the bike trail along Highway 146 and Arbor Lake.
- 2nd Saturdays evolving into this wonderful family-friendly event
- Ranking second in the state for Bike to Work Week two years in a row.
- Hiring Jordan Scheibel as our Energy Corp. team member and seeing our energy program expand.
- Coordinating our first half-marathon and 5k, which was awesome.
- The Local Foods Banquet and our terrific auctioneer.
- And many more activities that are highlighted throughout the report.

Imagine Grinnell is an exceptional organization that will continue to do excellent things under the direction of Sarah Smith and the board of directors. With that said, I encourage you to be part of the way we Imagine Grinnell in the future—continue to be involved and invested in Imagine Grinnell and our community.

Best wishes for a healthy future!



Melissa



Executive Director Melissa Strovers

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