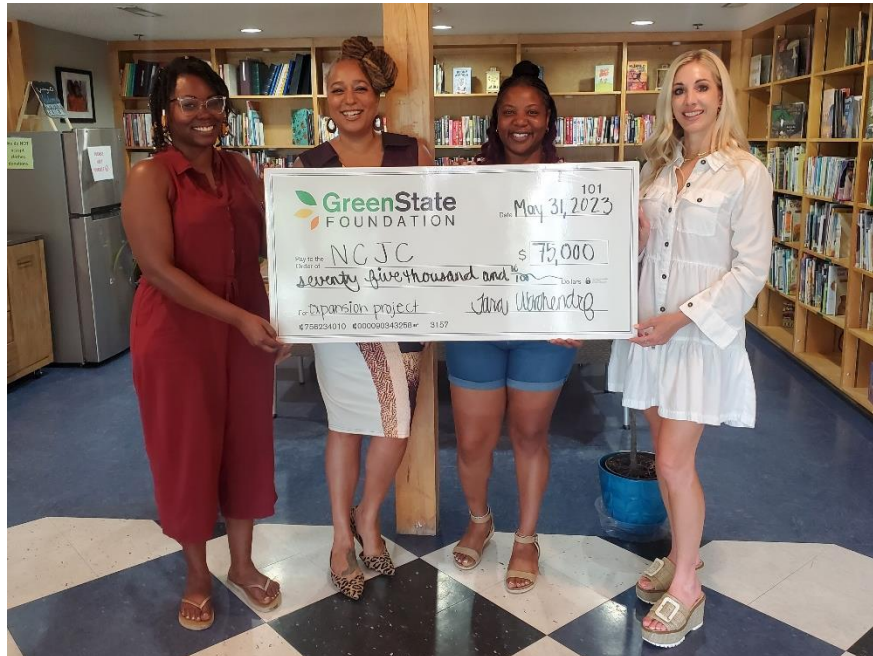


## MEDIA ALERT

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Tuesday, June 27, 2023



### **NCJC receives \$75,000 Commitment from GreenState Foundation**

*The Foundation becomes first community donor to support NCJC's building expansion project*

**IOWA CITY—** The Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County (NCJC) is pleased to announce that the GreenState Foundation has made a major contribution to its capital campaign for a new building expansion project.

The GreenState Foundation has committed to donating \$75,000 over the next three years to extend NCJC's high-quality programs and services to support more disadvantaged youth and families living within Iowa City and the surrounding communities.

NCJC was awarded \$2,000,000 from Iowa City Council this spring using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The nonprofit organization anticipates raising an additional \$4 million to support its expansion project and is ecstatic to have GreenState as a preliminary corporate sponsor.

Over the past 20 years, NCJC has outgrown its two hubs located in Iowa City's Pheasant Ridge and Broadway neighborhoods. The past few years, in particular, have highlighted the need for more preventative youth and family services to support those in the community without connections to the Centers. This need became even more urgent and apparent with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.



NCJC aims to acquire and renovate a new community center in a low-income, low-resource Iowa City neighborhood. The third building will allow NCJC to continue building connections with other community members unable to reach their two existing neighborhood hubs.

"We are immensely grateful to GreenState Foundation for their generous support," said Rachel Rockwell, Executive Director of the Neighborhood Centers. "Their contribution will help NCJC to further provide for those most in need in this community."

Tara Wachendorf, President of GreenState Foundation, added, "The mission of NCJC is in perfect alignment with GreenState's values, and we are thrilled to support them as they grow to serve even more families and youth in Iowa City and beyond."

This is an exciting time for NCJC as it embarks on this new initiative, and we look forward to continuing our work with partners like GreenState Credit Union to make a positive impact in our community.

### **GreenState Credit Union**

GreenState Credit Union is Iowa's largest credit union and one of the top financial institutions in the United States for returning profits to members in the form of better rates and lower fees. GreenState serves over 440,000 members with 33 branch locations. Membership is open to anyone living or working in Iowa as well as select counties in Illinois, Wisconsin, Nebraska, and South Dakota.

The GreenState Foundation, the credit union's primary charitable partner, intends to support charities that share the same values and whose missions align. For more details and to become a member, visit the Foundation website - <https://www.greenstatefoundation.org/>.

### **The Neighborhood Centers**

The Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County is dedicated to partnering with our most underserved and marginalized neighbors on programs that educate, foster self-efficacy, strengthen families, build neighborhoods and create a sense of community. NCJC has been working with low-income, isolated families since 1973. Our programs and activities reach over 500 children/youth and up to 200 adults each school day and include: 1) NAEYC-accredited child development programs for birth to preschoolers; 2) in-school and after-school prevention programming for school-age children; 3) parenting and home visiting programs, and family literacy programs, and 4) community-building and engagement activities that deepen neighbors' connections and supports within the broader community. For more information, visit NCJC's website – <https://www.ncjc.org>.

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