



# Fueling the Future Muscatine County December 2023 Update



The "Fueling the Future" project, funded by Future Ready Iowa and HRSA, targets adults in 144 low-income families of elementary- aged children receiving weekend "backpack" food subsidies in Muscatine County and engages them in a six-week intensive "earn while you learn" up-skill training. This multi-stepped pilot will provide stabilization of emergent family issues; education for the custodial adults in high demand jobs; long-term advancement of skilled workers in the community; and a stronger next-generation Iowa workforce.







## Client Story

A FTF client was able to get enrolled in the Pharmacy Tech program and get approved for Section 8 in less than a 2-month span. The wait process was expedited due to the close partnership and services offered by Fueling the Future and MMHA, and the client's determination. Previously, the client was a victim of domestic violence in the home and their family lived in a dangerous environment. The client moved to Muscatine earlier this year to turn their life around and quickly found employment. However, the client was not satisfied with simply working and wanted to feel accomplished in the community. Referred by their child's school, the client set their sights on becoming a certified Pharmacy Technician, while building a better life for their child and themselves. The ultimate goal for the client is to gain stability by 2024 and by participating in Fueling the Future the client stated that "it will give me personal financial and educational growth."

## Children Impacted

- There are 409 children whose parent or guardian has participated in the program
- There are 68 children whose parent or guardian has graduated from the program and is employed



	Families Graduated from MCC	Families Enrolled at MCC	Families Preparing for Future Sessions
<b>CNA</b> 	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Welding</b> 	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>CNC</b> 			
<b>Pharmacy Tech</b> 	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	

### Collaborative Grant Partners:

- Trinity Muscatine Public Health
- Muscatine Community College
- City of Muscatine
- Muscatine Center for Social Action
- Aligned Impact Muscatine County
- United Way of Muscatine
- Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine

### Matching Partners:

- Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine
- HNI
- Kent Corporation
- Muscatine Community College
- Toyota of Muscatine
- Trinity Hospital Foundation
- United Way of Muscatine

### Employers:

- Lutheran Living
- Simpson Memorial Home
- Wester Drug
- HWH Corporation
- Raymond
- UTLX
- HyVee