"Working with the Story County Community Foundation makes you reflect on what you care about and how you can leave a lasting impact on the community," says Frankee Oleson, retired Executive Director of United Way of Story County.

Opening a legacy fund with the Story County Community Foundation gave Frankee and her husband Jim peace of mind. They know their gift will positively impact Ames – the community they have called home for 42 years – for generations.

The Olesons created the Jim and Frankee Oleson Legacy Fund to simplify their estate planning. “Our charitable estate gifts will go to a single foundation fund after our deaths, with instructions as to how the gifts will be divided among the causes we care about most,” said Frankee. “We can change our plan by amending an easy-to-understand fund agreement.”

The fund will provide future support for local nonprofits benefitting a variety of causes including animals, the performing arts, education, and general community needs. “The foundation makes it easy to contribute to these diverse causes,” Jim said.

The Olesons are no strangers to planned giving. Jim and Frankee established a designated fund with the Story County Community Foundation to honor his parents and to provide scholarships in his hometown, the Don and Louise Oleson Graettinger, Iowa Memorial Scholarship Fund. The foundation holds an agency fund bearing her name, the United Way of Story County – Frankee Oleson Women with Initiative Endowment, which was established in Frankee’s honor.

Frankee also was a founder and board member of the Story County Community Foundation. Her time on the board showed her the key role the foundation plays in facilitating charitable giving. Frankee and Jim are looking forward to making a difference in the community they love long into the future.