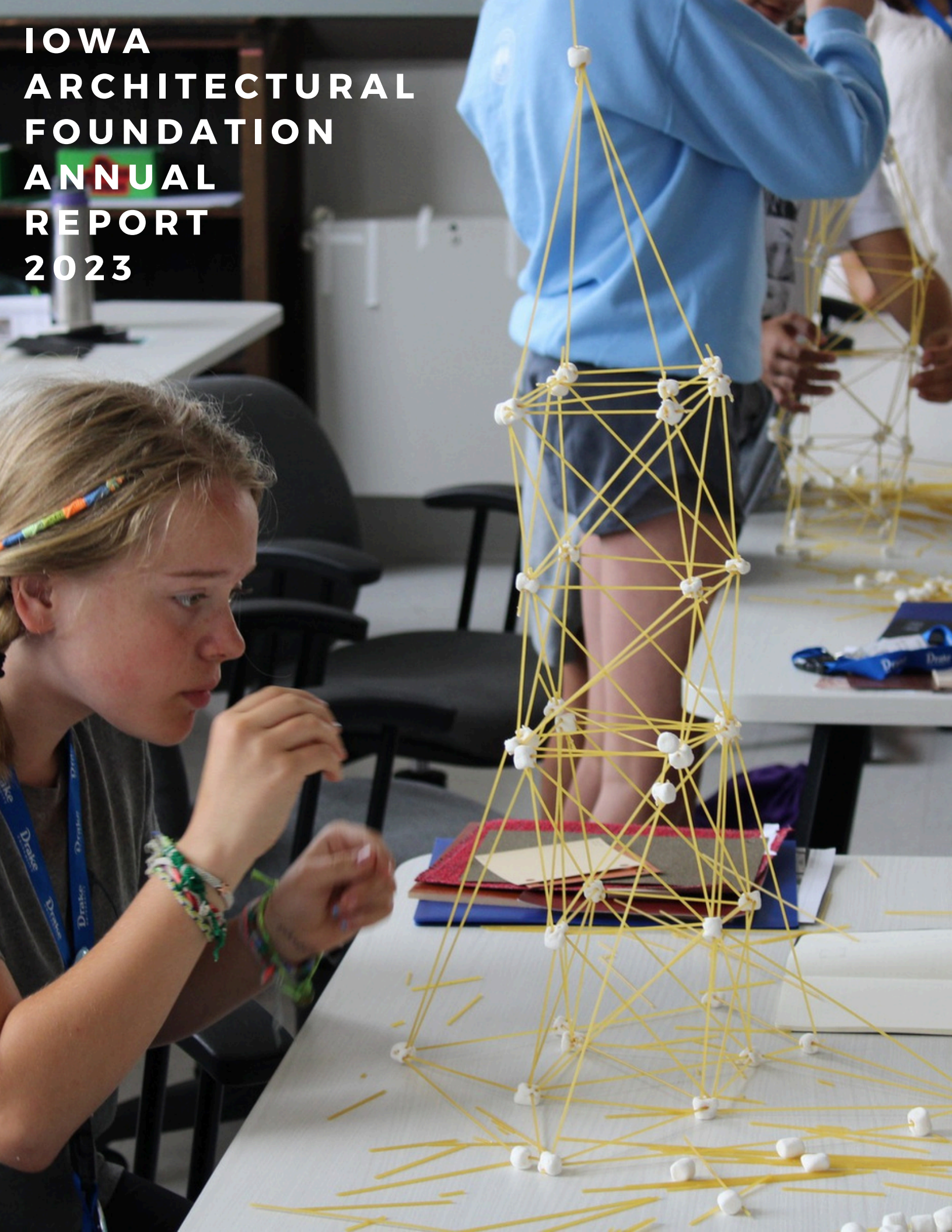


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## WHO WE ARE

The Iowa Architectural Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded in 1989 to inspire appreciation for architecture and design in everyone. We pursue our mission through youth and adult education, community design charrettes, and public outreach programs. IAF receives financial support from grants, donations, fundraising events and programs. Although IAF's office is donated by AIA Iowa, we are distinct and separate organizations. A volunteer Board of Trustees, composed of architects, allied professionals and business leaders, governs IAF.

## OUR VISION

IAF brings architects, designers, educators, students and architecture enthusiasts together to improve the quality of life in Iowa through architecture and design. IAF programs demonstrate the power of architecture to transform lives and improve the places where we work, live and play.

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## A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Friends of the Iowa Architectural Foundation,

Reflecting on 2023 fills me with immense pride and gratitude for what we have achieved together at the Iowa Architectural Foundation. This past year has been nothing short of exceptional, marked by growth and meaningful collaborations that have strengthened our mission to inspire appreciation for architecture in Iowa.

We doubled down on our commitment to engaging the community with our established programs, which saw record attendance. Our outreach efforts reached new heights, especially with young Iowans. Initiatives like our interactive exhibits at the I'll Make Me a World festival and the Des Moines Arts festival, alongside the revitalized summer architecture day camp at Drake University, have sparked enthusiasm among a new generation of architecture enthusiasts. We tripled our school partnerships for our "Architective" field trips, broadening our impact across the state.

Our architecture walking tours flourished, with a significant increase in private, student, and public tours. The introduction of a new Iowa State University campus route and a captivating tour of downtown Cedar Rapids underscored our commitment to showcasing Iowa's architectural heritage. These efforts not only exceeded our attendance goals but also contributed significantly to our program revenue, supporting our ongoing initiatives.

Collaboration has been a cornerstone of our success. Partnering with organizations like Varsity Cinema, CIAS, Iowa Mid-Century Modern, and AIA Iowa has enriched our programming, from the "Modernism on Screen" series to the sold-out Mid-Century Modern Home Tour and the Community Enhancement Awards. These partnerships have expanded our reach and deepened our impact across Iowa.

I extend heartfelt thanks to our partner organizations, especially AIA Iowa, whose steadfast support has been invaluable. Special recognition goes to our Director, Laura Porter, whose visionary leadership and dedication have propelled us forward. I also commend our Board of Trustees for their guidance and our volunteers whose tireless efforts bring our programs to life.

As I look ahead, I am filled with anticipation for the future of IAF. Together, we will continue to innovate, educate, and inspire. Thank you for being part of our remarkable journey. Here's to another year of celebrating Iowa's architectural treasures and enriching our community through the power of education and outreach.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Griffith', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Nathan Griffith, AIA  
2023 Board Chair





# ARCHITECTURE IN THE COMMUNITY

## Downtown Cedar Rapids

Led by esteemed local historian Mark Stoffer Hunter, the July tour of Cedar Rapids drew 50 attendees to explore downtown. Starting near the First Presbyterian Church, the tour highlighted the Cedar Rapids Savings (Guaranty) Bank, Federal Courthouse & Post Office, Veterans Memorial Building, and Linn County Courthouse. The group then circled back up 2nd Ave SE to view the Merchants National Bank, Iowa Theatre Building, and other historic gems, offering a rich glimpse into the city's architectural heritage.

## ISU Campus

In September, nearly 50 attendees enjoyed a tour of Iowa State University's campus core. Embarking from Memorial Union, attendees admired historic buildings like Morrill Hall and Catt Hall, as well as newer structures. The tour also highlighted Carver Hall, Parks Library, the Ivy College of Business, and ISU's stunning campus art.







## Custom Walking Tours

IAF was delighted to host the Young Professionals Connection once again for their “Sips, Samples, and Sights” tour. Sponsors BBS, DLR Group, and KCL Engineering provided refreshments for over 50 attendees. IAF is so appreciative of YPC, the Greater Des Moines Partnership, and sponsoring businesses for helping make this annual event a success!



## Eat | Drink | Architecture

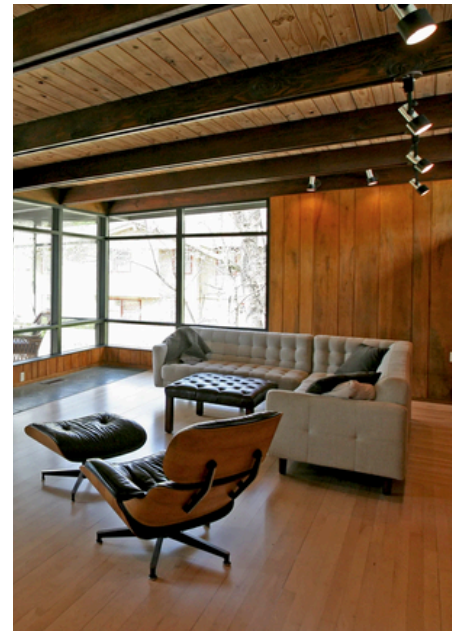
IAF once again presented two editions of Eat|Drink|Architecture in 2023 with events in downtown Des Moines in the spring, and the Drake neighborhood in the fall. Thanks are due to Full Court Press for sponsoring the food and drinks, and well as to Varsity Cinema for opening their recently renovated space for attendees of the Drake tour.

## Architecture on the Move

IAF welcomed visitors from across Iowa and several out-of-state tourists at our walking tours of Downtown Des Moines, sponsored by Krause Group. Tours were offered on the second Friday of months May through October, with a concluding special edition Western Gateway route.







Above: Kirk and Suzanne Westergaard Residence, 622 Glenview Dr., Des Moines

## Mid-Century Modern Home Tour

In June 2023, IAF docents once again welcomed over 200 attendees to this annual favorite of midmod aficionados. IAF and Iowa Mid-Century Modern offered an exclusive look at the interiors and exteriors of four residences built between 1952 and 1970. Each of the homes showcased the iconic lines and materials of mid-century architecture, including one Linden Heights residence with a rounded glass skylight that encircles its attic chimney. One of the homes, completed in 1954, was designed by Paula Holmes, AIA, member of a pioneering generation of female architects who graduated from architecture programs in the 1940s. Many thanks to the owners for opening their homes, and to Suzie Fredregill and Meaghan Foshe of [Iowa Mid-Century Modern](#) for their vision, coordination, and generous donation of proceeds to the Foundation.



Above: Scott Johnson & Mike Kunzler Residence, 1382 NW 128th, Clive





Top: Justin and Crystal Kruse Residence, 5908 Chamberlain Dr., Des Moines

Bottom: Proctor Lureman & Chad Russell Residence, 1510 Bell Ave., Des Moines





# ADVENTURES IN ARCHITECTURE

In 2023, the Adventures in Architecture youth community outreach program successfully reemerged after a pandemic pause. They year kicked off with first-time participation in I'll Make Me a World in Iowa Education Day, the largest African-American cultural event in Iowa. This event allowed volunteers to connect with Des Moines metro high school students and foster their interest in architectural design. Volunteers again turned out in June with a booth at the Des Moines Art Festival, enlisting passers-by in a community art mural of the State Capitol. IAF also proudly reintroduced a week-long day camp for middle schoolers on the campus of Drake University, expanding from half to full days. The camp offered hands-on workshops, field trips, and interactive sessions that introduced them to fundamental concepts of architecture, design and engineering.



# Volunteers

Without our volunteers, none of our work would be possible!

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# ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS



## "Architective" Scavenger Hunt Tours

In May, IAF volunteers led nearly 300 students on tours of downtown Des Moines as part of our Architecture in the Schools program. These interactive tours are a unique educational opportunity for grades 3rd and above, allowing students to not only experience urban architecture up close, but also to recognize different features and acquire new vocabulary for understanding the built environment. Our partner schools this year increased from 2 to 6, and the program launched new scratch-off scavenger hunt cards funded by the Iowa Arts Council.

IAF also hosted Central Academy high school exchange students from Japan. Guides led 30 visitors from downtown Des Moines to Western Gateway Park.







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# COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT THROUGH ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN AWARDS



## IAF Recognizes Krause Group, Des Moines Film, and Rialto Theater

The Iowa Architectural Foundation honored three recipients of its Community Enhancement Award: Krause Group, Des Moines Film, and the Rialto Theater (Pocahontas, Iowa). The statewide award recognizes those individuals, organizations, agencies, or communities, outside the architectural profession, across two categories of effective leadership, vision, and support for architecture. The “Architecture and Design” category, awarded to Krause Group, honors those who have repeatedly championed the cause of architecture or acted as a benefactor of architecture and urban design. The “Historic Vitalization” category, awarded to both Des Moines Film and Rialto Theater, celebrates leadership and achievement in the realm of historic preservation or adaptation.



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BRAVO Greater Des Moines and its Government Partners, including the cities of Altoona, Ankeny, Bondurant, Carlisle, Clive, Des Moines, Grimes, Indianola, Johnston, Norwalk, Pleasant Hill, Polk City, Urbandale, Waukee, West Des Moines, Windsor Heights; and Polk County; and Cultural Partners including Capital Crossroads, Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization, Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau, Greater Des Moines Partnership, Iowa Arts Council, Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs and The Tomorrow Plan.

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*Pictured above: Architecture enthusiasts watching the launch of ArchiTreasures at Capital Square*



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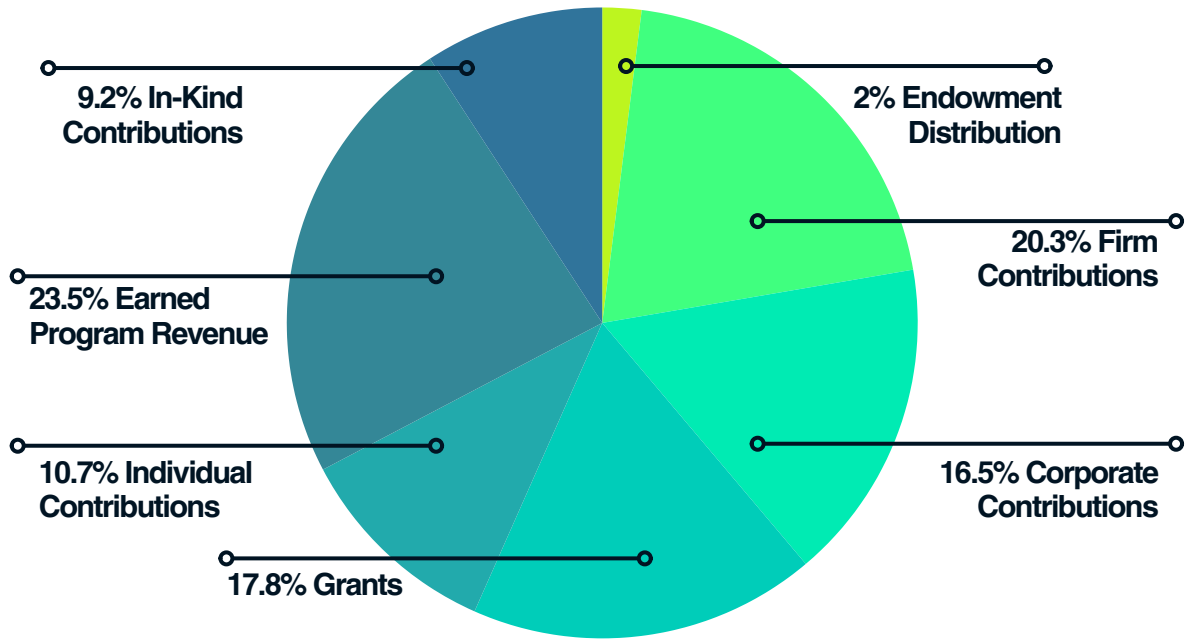
A Chapter of The American  
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The American Institute of Architects, Iowa Chapter (AIA Iowa) recently established the Impact Endowment to benefit the Iowa Architectural Foundation (IAF). An initial gift of \$50,000 provides a steady financial resource for the IAF's programs and events that inspire public appreciation for architecture and design. This support furthers AIA Iowa's mission of promoting the value of good design and advocating for the health and safety of the public.

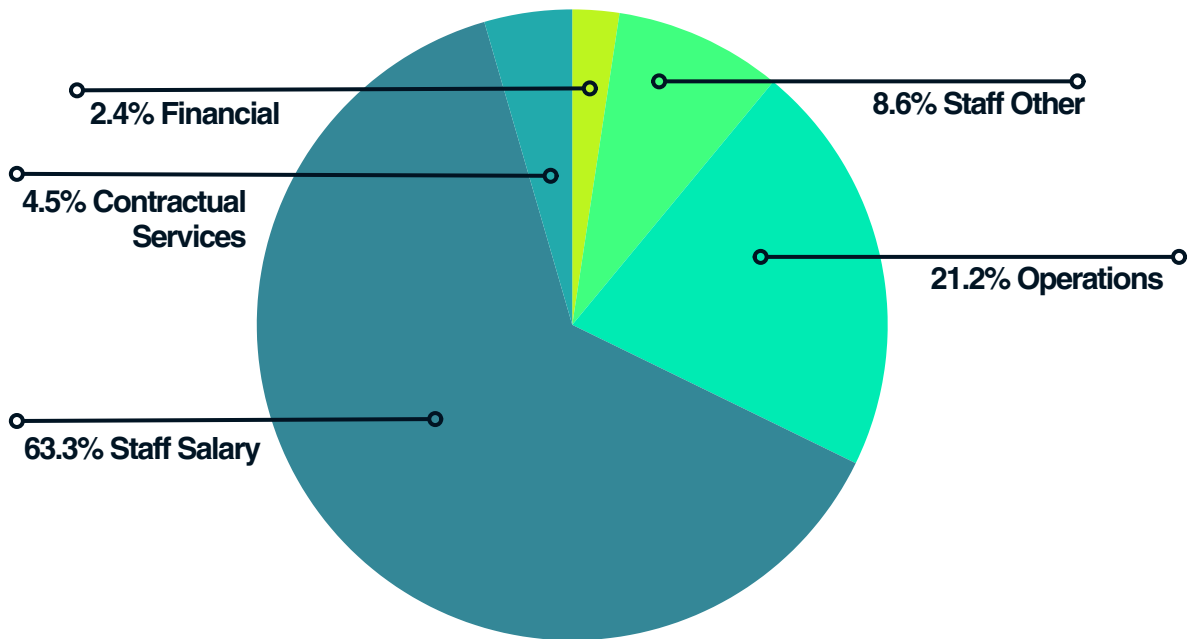
The IMPACT Endowment was made possible by the extraordinary support for AIA Iowa by its members and those allied to the profession of architecture over the past 115 years, as well as a culmination of efforts from volunteers and staff related to the programming and services that the Chapter provides.

As a 501 (c) (3) organization, we hope other donors will contribute to the endowment so IAF may continue to increase public understanding of this most public art. Individuals or businesses interested in making a gift to the endowment should contact the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, which is managing the sustainable endowment. All gifts will be eligible for the Endow Iowa Tax Credit. Annual distributions of 5% of the endowment will be made to IAF and distributed indefinitely.

## 2023 Revenue



## 2023 Expenses





# 2023 Impact by the Numbers

	<b>17</b> Expertly Curated Tour Routes Shared with the Public
	<b>81</b> Volunteer-Led Architectural Tours
	<b>750</b> Volunteer hours
	<b>3,008</b> Students and Adults Reached In Person
	<b>16,400+</b> Views Worldwide
	<b>19,400+</b> Total Individuals Reached





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