

Dear Pella Students and Families,

My name is Marlaina Lightkeeper and I am a Pella Middle School 8th grader and the 2022 National American Miss Iowa Pre-Teen. During the state pageant, one topic I was most excited to speak about was my community service experience with local non-profits. Over the years I have worked with The Well, Crossroads, Toys for Tots, Union Street Players, Children's Cancer Connection, and others! Serving others has been instrumental in me becoming who I am today - a young person who is hard working, focused and goal oriented.

That brings us to Little Acorns. There is an old English proverb that states "Great oaks from little acorns grow." I love this saying because I believe that doing the small things truly makes a difference if you are passionate and committed. With Little Acorns, I hope to recruit other kids to join me in donating their time and efforts to our community—after all, what may seem like actions as small as seeds, will grow into something far bigger!

Little Acorns is a registered non-profit in the state of Iowa and an application for 501c3 status has been submitted and is currently pending.

I would love it if you would join me and others as we work together to improve and enrich our communities and ourselves! Please DM us on Instagram @little_acorns or send us an email at greatoaksfromlittleacorns@gmail.com to get involved!



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