

# Milo Hometown Pride

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## Do you want to make a difference in the future of Milo?

Residents of Milo and the surrounding area are invited to join our brand new Hometown Pride team!

Hometown Pride is a program that brings community members together to improve their hometown.

Milo is forming a Hometown Pride team of local volunteers that will work together to accomplish projects that make a difference in our hometown, and boost community pride.

## What will Hometown Pride do?

It's up to you! Past Hometown Pride teams in other communities have done things like:

- Build new playgrounds or trails
- Rehabilitate old homes and buildings
- Beautify streets with art, landscaping and signs
- Attract new businesses to town

## Who else is involved in this program?

10 counties across Iowa participate in Hometown Pride, a program of Keep Iowa Beautiful. The Warren County chapter is a partnership of the Warren County Economic Development Corporation, Warren County, and the communities of Milo, Carlisle, Cumming, Hartford, Indianola, Norwalk, and New Virginia. The program is supported by the Mayor and the City of Milo.

## How Can I Help?

There are 2 primary ways to get involved:

1. Join the Milo Hometown Pride committee. We will meet once a month to plan our projects.
2. Add your name to the volunteer roster to help as needed. Needs may include landscaping, fundraising, publicity, painting, event planning and more.

**Contact our Community Coach to learn more: Lorin Ditzler at 515-442-0723 or [Lorin@warrencountyhometown.com](mailto:Lorin@warrencountyhometown.com).**



# Milo Hometown Pride FAQ

## Who pays for the program?

The City of Milo makes a small annual contribution to participate in the Warren County Hometown Pride program. 80% of the program is funded by the non-profit Keep Iowa Beautiful, and the remaining 20% is funded by contributions from the 7 participating communities, Warren County, and the Warren County Economic Development Corporation. The funding pays for a "Community Coach," who assists the volunteer group, and administrative support from Keep Iowa Beautiful. Funding for specific projects will be raised by the local Hometown Pride teams.

## How long is the program?

The program support will last for 5 years, but the hope is that the Hometown Pride group will continue their work on their own long after the program concludes.

## How is this different from civic groups we already have?

Our goal is to enhance what other civic groups are working to accomplish, not to duplicate efforts. Hometown Pride will work with existing groups' efforts as needed. We will focus on creating a local vision, developing plans and initiatives, and getting them funded, implemented and completed.

## What are some possible outcomes from this program?

The program is completely directed at the local level. The Milo Hometown Pride committee, along with support from the Community Coach, will determine the direction of the Hometown Pride program. Possible projects could be in the areas of beautification, parks and trails, building rehabilitation, economic development, cultural events, or other areas.

## Tell me more about how I can help

1. **Join the committee.** Committee members will meet once a month for 1 hour. Their primary responsibility will be to identify possible projects and make plans for how to get them accomplished.
2. **Join the volunteer team.** Volunteer team members choose how to contribute and are called on an as-needed basis—anywhere from 2-4 times a year. This is a great way to do the things you love without a long-term time commitment. Team members can choose to participate in work days (painting, landscaping, etc) fundraising, grant-writing, publicity, event planning, and more.
3. **Financial contributions** are welcome and are tax deductible.
4. **Spread the word!** Share this flyer with a friend. Follow our website at [www.warrencountyhometown.com](http://www.warrencountyhometown.com). Like and share our page on Facebook: @milohometownpride.



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