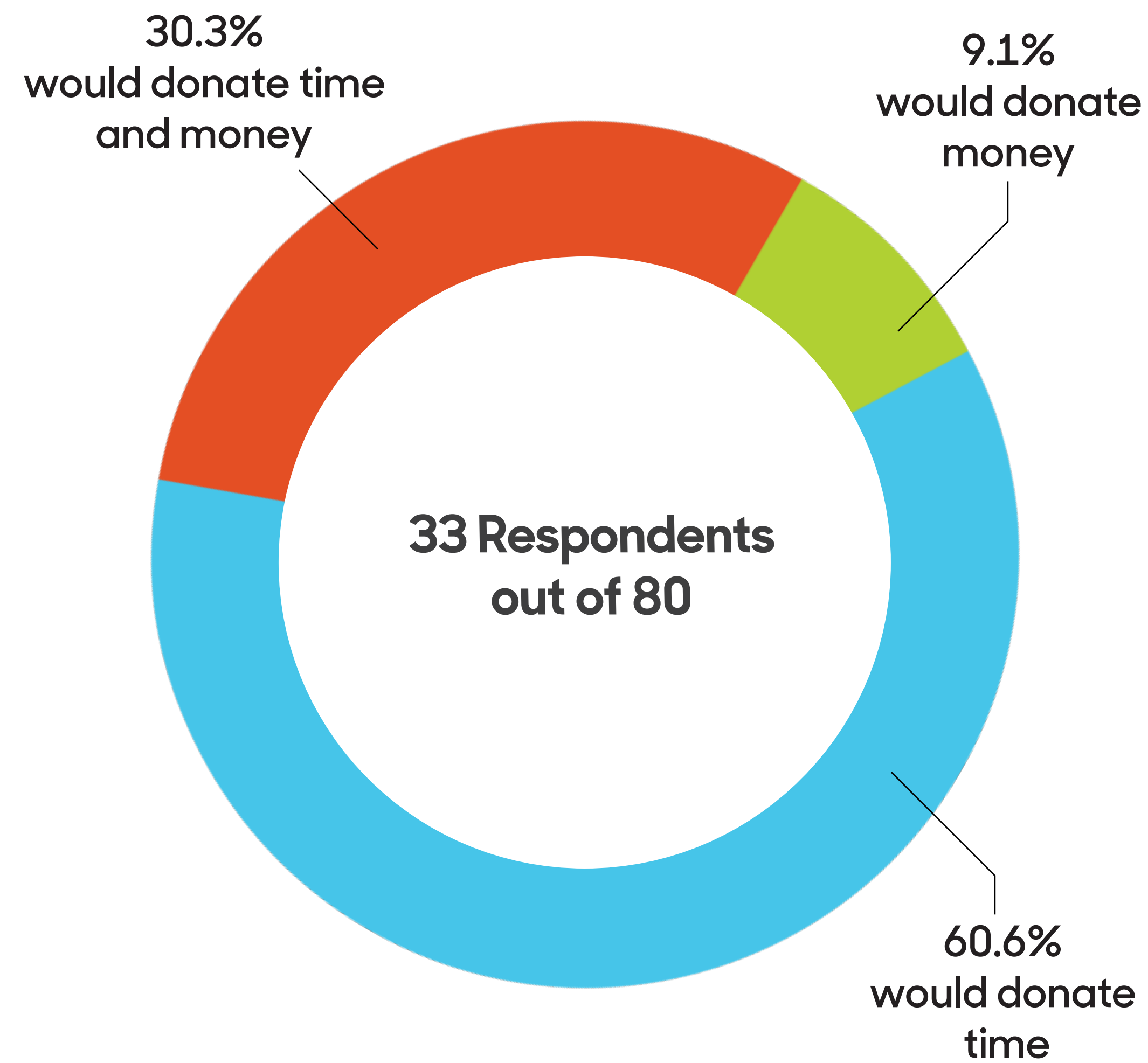


ARE PEOPLE WILLING TO HELP?

More than 41% said YES!



Willingness to implement change

Most survey participants who answered this question are willing to contribute their time and talent to community improvements (60.6%), while more than 30% would contribute both time and talent and financial help. Nearly 10% of respondents indicated that they would be willing to contribute financially.

Compared to other small towns in Iowa, Forest City residents are slightly less willing to become involved in improving their community. In 2014, on average, 43% of residents in small, rural towns volunteered to help with a community project.¹

¹ Sigma: A Profile of Iowa Small Towns 1994 to 2014 (Ames, IA: Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, 2015).

WHAT DID PEOPLE SAY?

Survey Participants Said...



"[We] need more walking trails by Winnebago Industries; [it's] not safe to walk on road [because of] excess traffic."



"We need taxi service on weekends for the disabled and elderly."



"Our sidewalks in town could definitely use some fixing."

HOW DO YOU GET PEOPLE TO HELP?

Ask, Show, and Advertise Opportunities

In 2014, the most common reason residents in small-town Iowa said they didn't become involved in community projects is that no one asked them (34%). Twenty-eight percent on average said that they don't have time, which is significantly lower than the 2004 average of 59%. Sixteen percent indicated that they didn't know how to become involved, and 7% said that no community project needed volunteers.¹ These results indicate that the best ways to get people involved in community projects is to simply ask, along with advertising opportunities through traditional and social media outlets.

² Sigma: A Profile of Iowa Small Towns 1994 to 2014 (Ames, IA: Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, 2015).