As Watts Group celebrates over 40 years of real estate leadership in the Corridor, our team is overflowing with gratitude. The recent opening of our Oakdale Boulevard headquarters is an exciting new chapter as our company expands into the future.

My real estate journey began in 1978, when gas was 63 cents per gallon, the comic strip *Garfield* made its debut and the Boston Celtics drafted a young player named Larry Bird. In those days, the average cost of a new home was around \$55,000 and apartment rent was about \$260 a month—times sure have changed!

Throughout our four decades, Watts Group has been at the heart of residential and commercial real estate trends in Eastern Iowa. Having lived in Johnson County for 41 years and raising our children here, we are committed to helping families and businesses grow deep roots. Our goal is to help the Corridor thrive, which means developing affordable housing, progressive municipal planning and amenity-rich properties.

We believe in projects like the Iowa River Landing, which brings people together to dine, shop, live and work. We are proud to help transform this area into a new community hub that is continuing to grow.

We believe in helping individuals and families find long-term housing. With over 600 units throughout Iowa City, North Liberty and Coralville, we have a rich variety of rentals with desirable features and convenient layouts.

We believe in helping clients find or build a house they are proud to call home. We have extensive real estate listings and an award-winning portfolio of custom homes. No matter the price point, we believe homeownership should be an attainable aspiration for everyone.

We believe in helping cities grow. When designing a new subdivision, we create a vibrant neighborhood where happy memories are made. Walking trails, water features and playground equipment provide residents with places to relax and unwind.

**Lastly, we believe in our employees**. We thank all the members of Watts Group—general managers, construction supervisors, realtors, maintenance team, property managers, leasing specialists, office personnel and leadership—whose hard work and customer service are the driving force of our growing company.

Gary Watts