



COUNCIL COLUMN

JANUARY 2022

Happy New Year!

As we begin 2022, I am delighted to announce the eight ICoF members that will participate in the **REPG Racial Equity Learning Exchange Series**:

- **Alliant Energy Foundation**
- **Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque**
- **Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa**
- **Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation**
- **Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation**
- **Iowa Credit Union Foundation**
- **Quad Cities Community Foundation**
- **United Way of East Central Iowa**

The group will convene in March, June and October. There will be several opportunities throughout the year to connect with your colleagues to learn from their experience in this series.

We are also pleased to announce another opportunity for those of you who may be earlier in your equity learning journey. The ICoF received grant funding from United Philanthropy Forum to host a **Rural Equity Series** in partnership with our colleagues from the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque.

These sessions will be May 17, June 14, and July 12 from 10 - 11:30 am. We will share full details and open up registration in our February *Council Column*.

I look forward to seeing many of you for the Membership meeting Thursday!



Press on with your good work,

Kari McCann Boutell

President

Iowa Council of Foundations

Upcoming ICoF Events

Winter Quarterly Membership Meeting: *What's Next for Philanthropy in the 2020's?* with Monitor Institute by Deloitte

January 27, 2022 | 1 - 2:15 pm | Zoom

The Iowa Council of Foundations is pleased to partner with our colleagues at Monitor Institute by Deloitte to bring their latest report, [*What's Next for Philanthropy in the 2020's?*](#), to Iowa (virtually)! Drawing from interviews with more than 200 philanthropy executives, practitioners, donors, board members, experts, and grantees from around the world, this report explores what emerging social, economic, and political shifts may mean for the future of philanthropy, charitable giving, and social innovation.

We hope you will join us for this collective look forward at the future of philanthropy. The conversation will also include storytelling from your ICoF colleagues and time for you to ask questions of our speakers and each other.

We will continue our learning for the winter with follow-up peer network conversations throughout the month of February. You can learn more about those opportunities and register for them here:

- Feb. 3 -- [What's Next Peer Workshop: Community Foundations](#)
- Feb. 10 -- [What's Next Peer Workshop: Corporate Funders](#)
- Feb. 17 -- [What's Next Peer Workshop: Private and Family Foundations](#)
- Feb. 24 -- [What's Next Peer Workshop: Operating, Re-Granting and Government Grantmakers & ICoF Associate Members](#)

[Learn More and Register](#)

Public Policy Update

In preparation for the new legislative session and Congress reconvening, the ICoF held a Public Policy Webinar on January 4 featuring David Adelman, lobbyist for Iowa community foundations, and nonprofit guest speakers from: Iowa ACEs 360, Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and United Ways of Iowa. ICoF President Kari McCann Boutell also presented our [2022 Public Policy Agenda](#). You can view the session recording and access policy updates and resources from the speakers [here](#).

Foundations on the Hill: Rescheduled and Going Virtual

United Philanthropy Forum has pushed back this year's Foundations on the Hill to April 5-7. The event will be virtual again this year. Stay tuned for more information as we make plans to meet with our Iowa delegation.

Congratulations, Ena!

Jelena Babic Barnes was promoted to Executive Director of the Iowa Credit Union Foundation. Jaimie Miller continues to oversee foundation operations in her role as Vice President at the Iowa Credit Union League, while Ena

manages day-to-day operations. We look forward to working with you in this new role, Ena!

Grade-Level Reading Initiative Updates

The first 2022 check-in webinar will be in February. Details coming soon!

The Pacesetter Award submission deadline has been extended to **January 31, 2022**. If you have questions about applying, please [contact Becky Miles-Polka](#).

Resources

The Wellmark Foundation's 2022 MATCH Grants

The Wellmark Foundation is offering two competitive Matching Assets to Community Health (MATCH) grant opportunities in 2022. The MATCH grants are designed to support projects that provide access to healthy foods or create or enhance a safe environment to be physically active in. Guidelines and important information are outlined in their [2022 Request for Applications](#).

- Access to Healthy Foods and Built Environment MATCH Grants: up to \$100K with 100% match are due February 16
- Access to Healthy Foods MATCH Grants: up to \$50K with 50% match are due September 21

Opportunity to Join Funder Lab on Philanthropy and Social Movements

The Philanthropy and Social Movements Funder Lab is an opportunity for philanthropic professionals to learn more about contemporary social movements and the needs of movement leaders while exploring approaches to initiate and sustain investments in social movements at their philanthropic institutions.

The lab is an extension of BMP's [Move The Money](#) project, which provides a set of resources for grantmaking institutions to foster their support of social

movements. The 2022 funder lab will be a structured learning and community-building opportunity to delve deeper into the values and practices identified in *Move The Money*.

Professionals from a range of grantmaking institutions are invited to apply, from small family foundations and donor-advised collaboratives to corporate and well-established national foundations. Participation in all sessions of the lab is required, and slots are limited. While the Lab is free, interested individuals/organizations need to indicate their interest [via this form](#) by January 31, 2022.

Nominations open for 2022 Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame Awards

The Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame is the most prestigious state-level honor volunteers can receive; the people selected have freely given their precious time and talent in countless ways to benefit others and have forever changed their community, the state, the nation, or the world. Inductees are recognized during a special ceremony held in the State Capitol Building and their names are engraved on the Volunteer Hall of Fame plaque on permanent display in the State Historical Museum. Since the award's inception in 1989, over 175 Iowans have been honored.

Nomination may be submitted by anyone familiar with the nominee's volunteer commitment and impact. Nominees must live or operate in Iowa: individuals, national service members, families, groups, organizations, nonprofits, businesses, or corporations may be nominated.

Nominations are due by 6 pm on January 28, 2022, and the nomination form can be accessed [here](#).

Sign-on Opportunity in support of Coalition to Advance Mental Health in Iowa for Kids' 2022 legislative priorities

Children's mental health is a critical building block for future adult health and a strong economy. CAMHI4Kids advocates to fix the patchwork of services that puts children's well-being at risk by providing adequate, predictable, and sustainable funding for the Children's Mental Health System in

Iowa. CAMHI4Kids is collecting names of organizations to be listed on printed materials and on the website at www.camhi4kids.org as supportive of the recommendations. The 2022 legislative recommendations and sign-on form can be found [here](#).

Career Center Postings

Community Partnerships Manager

Pottawattamie County Community Foundation

Full-time | Council Bluffs, IA

Program Officer

Iowa West Foundation

Full-time | Council Bluffs, IA

Development Officer - Gift Planning

Iowa State University Foundation

Full-time | Ames, IA, hybrid work arrangement available

Executive Director

CEONet

Part-time | Remote

Scholarship & Grants Manager

Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa

Full-time | Cedar Falls, IA

Program Officer

Humanities Iowa

Full-time | Remote (Iowa)

Executive Director

lift Women's Foundation (Formerly known as Royal Neighbors Foundation)

Full- or Part-time | Rock Island, IL or Remote

President & Chief Executive Officer

Quad Cities Community Foundation

Full-time | Bettendorf, IA (Quad Cities of Iowa and Illinois)

ICoF Member Benefit: We'll list your job openings for free! [Submit your posting here](#).

[Visit the Philanthropy Career Center](#)

Educational Opportunities

Webinar: A Trust-Based Framework for Learning and Evaluation in Philanthropy

Trust-based Philanthropy Project

Jan. 25 | 2 - 3:30 pm | Free

Join the Trust-Based Philanthropy Project and the Center for Evaluation Innovation in an interactive webinar where they'll explore three concrete ways to approach learning and evaluation in a trust-based context: Learning for Accountability, Learning for Decision-Making, and Learning for Long-term Impact.

Details and Registration

Philanthropy 101

Johnson Center for Philanthropy

Feb. 9 & 10 | 11:30 am - 3:30 pm | \$750

Deadline to register: Jan. 26

Philanthropy 101 is a two-day, online learning experience designed to ground new professionals in the basics of foundations, nonprofits, grantmaking, the field of philanthropy, and how philanthropy interacts with other sectors — namely, business and government.

Details and Registration

Upcoming National Conferences & Convenings

Feb. 7-9: [Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders' Policy Convening: Commit to Action](#)

Feb. 16-17: [The Funder Network's GREEN and Urban Water Funders 2022 Virtual Convening: Building Power for Community-led Solutions](#)

Mar. 2-11: [National Community Foundation Boot Camp](#) (Iowa participants: [use our registration link](#) for a subsidized rate)

Mar. 14-16: [The Funders Network's 2022 Annual Conference: Seize the Moment](#)

Mar. 21-25: [PEAK2022 Online](#)

Colleague Inquiry

Please [let us know](#) if you have a question you would like us to collect responses for or compile resources/templates from your peers across the state.

Archived Colleague Inquiries

ICoF Members Making Headlines

[The Black Hawk County Gaming Association, Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust, R.J. McElroy Trust, Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, and The Leighty Fund](#) were supporters of the Grout Museum's Planetarium renovation in Waterloo

[The Genesis Foundation and GreenState Credit Union](#) have teamed up to raise money for flu shots for a "Flu-Free Quad Cities"

[Iowa Health Care Association Foundation](#) launches new COVID-19 vaccine education campaign

[The Wellmark Foundation](#) awarded more than \$674K to 29 communities

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