



The *CF Snapshot* is a monthly e-newsletter for Iowa Community Foundations and Affiliates. If you have information you would like included, please [email us!](#)

## Public Policy Update

**State:** As reported widely across the state, the Legislature has reached a stalemate between the two chambers on a number of policy priorities and the overall budget. This could continue for several days or weeks.

### Foundations on the Hill Update

Kari and Iowa foundation representatives met with each of Iowa's Congressional offices virtually in early April as part of Foundations on the Hill. Please take a moment to review the [ICoF FOTH 2022 Fact Sheet](#) and additional details below.

- **EXPAND THE CHARITABLE GIVING TAX INCENTIVE:** We support offering every American taxpayer an incentive to make a charitable donation, not just those who itemize. (Current Bills: [S. 618](#) & [H.R. 1704](#))
- **ENHANCE THE IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER:** We support of the expansion of the IRA Charitable Rollover to allow seniors to make tax-free IRA rollover contributions to charities through life-income plans. (Current Bill: [H.R. 2954](#)) We also support the permanent extension of the IRA charitable rollover by dropping the age threshold to 65 and allowing rollover gifts directly to donor-advised funds.
- **STRENGTHEN AND SUPPORT THE NONPROFIT SECTOR:** We support of the retroactive restoration of the Employee Retention Tax Credit. (Current Bills: [S. 3625](#) & [H.R. 6161](#))

If you would like to do your own outreach on any of these priorities, contact information is available here: [Senator Ernst](#); [Senator Grassley](#); [Rep. Hinson](#); [Rep. Miller-Meeks](#); [Rep. Axne](#); and [Rep. Feenstra](#).

A special thank you to the following community foundation representatives who participated in our FOTH meetings: *Les Garner, Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation*; *Kristi Knous, Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines*; *Randy Kuhlman, Fort Dodge Community Foundation and United Way*; and *Charla Schafer, Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine*. We are grateful for your support of these important conversations!

## Spring Capacity Building Grants Announced

The [Capacity Building Grant Program](#) supports opportunities for qualified community foundations and their affiliates to engage in activities that increase their ability for sustainable endowment building and growth. Six grants were awarded this spring ranging from \$2,030 - \$15,000 supporting:

- **Community Foundation of Des Moines County**, an affiliate of Keokuk Area Community Foundation: operations and marketing;
- **Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine**: donor development and marketing;
- **Community Foundation of Louisa County**, an affiliate of Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine: endowment building events;
- **Jones County Community Foundation**, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque: donor outreach;
- **LincolnWay Community Foundation**, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque: operations and donor development; and
- **Siouxland Community Foundation**: professional advisor seminar.

Pre-applications for the Fall 2022 cycle will open on September 15.

# Upcoming Trainings & Events

## **Rural Equity Leadership Series**

*Hosted in partnership with the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque*

May 17, June 14, and July 12 | 10 – 11:30 am | Zoom

Leaders in Iowa know the importance of making their communities welcoming and inclusive places to live, work, raise families and retire. Successful communities understand that centering equity in these conversations ensures that reality for all Iowans and newcomers. Census data tells us that demographics in Iowa are shifting, and we must adapt and evolve as our communities change.

Understanding rural equity and leading racial equity conversations in rural Iowa is good, important and sometimes challenging work. Leaders have been asking us questions like:

- Where do we start? What language do we use?
- How do we support newcomers and diverse populations in our rural towns?
- How do we lead these conversations with business and community partners?

If you've been asking these questions, this three-part series is for you! These interactive conversations will give rural Iowa leaders knowledge and tools to apply in their work. The series will equip leaders to bring their communities/counties together around what they love most about their unique place and the people who call it home.

This series will create a network of regional leaders committed to rural equity who will continue to be allies for each other, as we collectively build bridges and learn to communicate across cultures in rural Iowa. We will use tools developed for the Community Heart & Soul® process that are designed to do meaningful community engagement work in small, rural towns. The tools involve all voices and bring people together around the things that matter most. We hope you will join us - and consider inviting a colleague or fellow community leader to participate with you as well!

[Learn More and Register](#)

## **Peer Learning Circle: Other Duties as Assigned**

May 4 | 10 – 11 am | Zoom

An important part of any conference event is the networking and conversations that take place between conference participants. This has always been noted as a highlight for Connect Conference participants in the past. To continue these conversations and opportunities to learn from one another in a virtual format, the Peer Learning Circles (PLC) are sessions designed to gather and discuss topics and ideas of interest to participants. These conversations will provide an opportunity for you to pose questions to your peers at other community foundations throughout Iowa.

This particular PLC is designed to focus on “other duties as assigned” and is strategically scheduled one week after our cybersecurity conversation. This session is for people who are responsible for the following, common "other duties as assigned" tasks in your organization: human resources, cybersecurity ([watch our recent webinar on cybersecurity](#)), technology, etc. Please let us know on your registration form if there are other topics you'd like to discuss.

Iowa Council of Foundations staff will monitor the conversations and you will be asked to submit questions in advance to help guide the conversation.

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## **CF Stories Blog**

This month, Jenna Manders, Community Foundation Services Coordinator, shares how performing "Other Duties as Assigned" has shaped her career path.

[Read the blog here!](#)

## **Peer Pointers**

*This section of the CF Snapshot features short descriptions of positive work happening at community foundations and affiliates across Iowa. If you'd like more information about these topics, please [contact Jenna](#).*

Hunt and Diane Harris converted their two existing private foundations into a donor-advised fund at the [Quad Cities Community Foundation](#). With the support of the QCCF staff, they will be able to use the newly established Harris Family Foundation Fund to enhance their giving, relieving them of the administrative burdens associated with running private foundations and allowing them to focus on what matters most -- their philanthropic goals.

As part of the conversion, they designated a percentage of their assets for charitable funds for their son, daughter-in-law, and daughter, who wanted to be involved with their family's giving without inheriting the burden of running two private foundations. After the couple's lifetimes, the remainder of their fund will convert to a permanent fund that their children will advise on and from which their grandchildren will have the opportunity to also make grants.

## Colleague Inquiry

*Do you have a question for your philanthropy colleagues? Please [let us know](#) and we will compile responses and resources from your peers across the state.*

[Archived Colleague Inquiries](#)

## Community Foundations in the News

[Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine](#) introduced plans for the new Mulberry Health Clinic Facilities

[Community Foundation of Washington County](#) established three new endowments

[Pottawattamie County Community Foundation](#) DAF helped keep toes warm this winter

## Articles & Items of Interest

### Upcoming IRDC Webinar Addresses Child Care Shortages

May 5 | 9 am CT | [Zoom](#)

Featuring First Children's Finance talking about addressing child care shortages in a community, from project development, project funding, and both market to financial feasibility studies.

### Rural Child Care Market Study Grant program available

This state program seeks to support the use of data and analysis by rural communities to determine the specific child care needs and solutions for their area. More information available [here](#).

### Career Center Postings

The following community foundation positions have been posted:

#### Accounting Specialist II

Quad Cities Community Foundation  
*Full-time | Bettendorf, IA*

#### Charitable Giving Advisor

Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines  
*Full-time | Des Moines, IA*

To view all career postings for positions in philanthropy throughout the state, please visit the [Career Center](#).

### Washington Snapshot

The latest Washington Snapshot from Council on Foundations is available [here](#).



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