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CF SNAPSHOT



A monthly e-newsletter for Iowa Community Foundations and Affiliates providing information on available grants, educational opportunities, peer learning opportunities and much more. As always, if you have information you would like included in this newsletter, please [email Michele Walstrom](#), ICoF Community Foundations Services Coordinator.

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ICoF Capacity Building Grants

Community Foundations that received Capacity Grant Program grants last year will need to complete an End of Year Program Report and submit to ICoF **by July 1**. That grant report is available now and can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

2016 Capacity Building Grant recipients will be notified by the end of this month. A full listing of programs and projects that will be funded this year will appear in the June *CF Snapshot*.

Upcoming Events

May 19: Peer Learning Call

10:00 - 11:00 am

[Learn more and register here!](#)

Connect Conference: Save the Date and Session Input Opportunity

We are pleased to announce the date of ICoF's Annual Connect Conference: Community Foundations Networking Summit. This year's conference will be held on **Wednesday, October 5** at the Hilton Garden Inn in Johnston, Iowa (same location as last year). This conference is designed to provide a framework for thinking about how local CFs can create positive change in a community and give volunteers and staff an opportunity to learn from one another. This is a free educational and networking opportunity that is sponsored through the Community Foundations Initiative and the Iowa Economic Development Authority.

As we prepare for the conference, we'd like your input! The topics that are important to you, the speakers you'd enjoy listening to, etc. This conference is for YOU! To have your voice heard, [click here](#).

CF Stories Blog

Kari McCann, President of the Iowa Council of Foundations, blogs about her experiences recently in Washington, D.C. at Foundations On the Hill week. She writes about the importance of connecting with our legislators as well as their staff. [Read more here](#).

Learning Opportunities

May Peer Learning Series

Thursday, May 19 from 10-11 am

This month's Peer Learning Series call will be an Affiliate Roundup:

awareness campaigns to continue expanding their presence and endowment building in their communities. This is a good opportunity to learn from your peers, ask questions or share your own successes or challenges. To attend the call, [please register here](#).

Heart & Soul 101: Pathways to Vibrant Rural Communities

Thursday, May 12 from 9 am - 3:30 pm

The Barn House Conference Center
13527 Gun Club Road
Epworth, IA 52045

Join H&S staff to learn how the Community Heart & Soul method empowers residents to shape their future around a community's authentic character. This is a free event; lunch will be provided.

- Meet community leaders who have achieved impact using this model
- Learn from nationally-recognized experts about defining a strong rural future
- Connect with foundations and agencies in Iowa that provide funding and support for community change

Please [contact Jason Neises](#) at 563-588-2700 and [register here](#).

Improving Outcomes for Kids and Families: A FREE Webinar Series

First in the series: Evidence-Based Approaches to Grantmaking, Thursday, May 19 at 2:00 pm

Exponent Philanthropy, in partnership with the Annie E. Casey Foundation, presents this three-part webinar series to share lessons learned by the foundation in their work to overcome the barriers to success, help communities demonstrate what works, and invest in evidence-based strategies. To learn more about this FREE series and register for this webinar, [click here](#).

Community Foundations in the News

Foundations Making Headlines

Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation President, Les Garner, recently penned a guest editorial about the resiliency of Cedar Rapids and how it can be successful in the future. [Click here](#) to read the article.

The **Clay County Community Foundation** awarded over \$91,000 in grant funding to area nonprofits at an awards ceremony in early April. Clay is an Affiliate of the **Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines**. [Click here](#) to read the article.

The **Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation** and the Poweshiek County Alliance announced their 2016 grant recipients and beneficiaries

Articles & Items of Interest

Washington Snapshot

The most recent edition of The Washington Snapshot from the Council of Foundations is now available. [Click here](#) to access this information.

Exponent Philanthropy releases *Philanthropy Lessons Risks and Mistakes* video now available

Exponent Philanthropy is offering a free video series to spark conversation around issues philanthropy professionals deal with daily. Learn from your peers in this ongoing series. The most recent video release is around the topic of Risks and Mistakes. Effective philanthropy is a learning process that develops through experimentation. To be successful, we must take risks, support new ideas, acknowledge our mistakes, share experiences, and learn from one another. To view this video, [click here!](#)

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