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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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## Upcoming Events

**June 16: Peer Learning Call**  
 10:00 - 11:00 am  
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## ICoF Capacity Building Grants

We are pleased to announce this year's Capacity Building Grant recipients. These grants provide community foundations with support to implement projects or programs necessary to enhance their organizational capacity and address important issues of fund development and effectiveness. This year's grants were awarded to:

- **Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa** - Part-time Marketing Associate for Affiliates
- **Dallas County Community Foundation (Host: CF of Greater Des Moines)** - Marketing and Development programs
- **Story County Community Foundation (Host: CF of Greater Des Moines)** - Staff Training and Marketing
- **Boone County Community Foundation (Host: CF of Greater Des Moines)** - Staff Training and Development
- **Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque** - Professional Development and Temporary Staffing for Clay and Jones County Affiliates
- **Community Foundation of Johnson County** - Match Day Marketing

The ICoF Board approved the grant award recipients at their May Board meeting and each recipient was notified of their award.

**REMINDER:** Community Foundations that received Capacity Grants in June 2015 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](#).

## Connect Conference: Save the Date and Session Input Opportunity

ICoF's Annual Connect Conference: Community Foundations Networking Summit will be **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 opportunity sponsored through the Community Foundations

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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](#).

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## **CF Stories Blog**

MJ Smith, Director of Affiliates, Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, blogs about her experience recently with the Foundation's Annual Great Give Day. Despite major technical glitches during the day, the Foundation was able to outpace its 2015 giving. MJ shares how they continue to have success with this special giving opportunity in this month's post. [Read more here](#).

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## **Learning Opportunities**

### **June Peer Learning Series**

**Thursday, June 16 from 10-11 am**

This month's Peer Learning Series call Programs and Grants Roundup: Guidelines and Priorities will feature speakers from area foundations that have moved from reactive to proactive grantmaking, have engaged youth in grantmaking and providing guidance on how to have effective grant program tools (policies, applications, guidelines, etc.). These calls provide an excellent opportunity to learn from your peers, ask questions or share your own successes or challenges. To join the call, [please register here](#).

### **Culture Matters: Webinar from Grantmakers for Effective Organizations**

**Wednesday, June 22 from 1 pm - 2:15pm**

Join GEO to explore the importance of creating and maintaining productive work cultures. Hear from our guest speaker, Carrie Pickett-Erway of the Kalamazoo Community Foundation on how the foundation created a strong effective organizational culture and how they leverage transformative moments to enact culture change.

To learn more and register for this webinar, [click here](#).

### **What Disney Taught us About Storytelling: A FREE Webinar Opportunity in Youth Philanthropy**

**Thursday, June 23 from 1 pm - 2 pm**

It can be a challenge to effectively communicate your story – to demonstrate your impact, garner funds, and to simply explain philanthropy to your peers. During this webinar, you will learn how to share the story of your giving and best practices for how to leverage these stories through your philanthropy network. Join our very own Kari McCann, President, ICoF as she shares her insight regarding effective youth philanthropy programming.

To learn more about this FREE webinar and register, [click here](#).

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**Pottawattamie County Community Foundation** exceeded their giving goals for their recent, Pottawattamie Gives Day. [Click here](#) to read the article.

Multiple **Community Foundations** from around the state have invested in the iJAG program: Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates. A recent article in the *Quad City Times* reported on the positive outcomes of the program. [Click here](#) to read the article.

The **Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine** recently began a new component fund with the community of West Liberty. Learn more about how this fund was started; [click here](#) to read the article.

The **Sioux County Community Foundation**, an affiliate of the **Siouxland Community Foundation** recently awarded grants in their county in excess of \$100K. [Click here](#) to read the article.

The **Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa** was recently featured on The Steele Report, a news program featuring local programs in the Waterloo and Cedar Falls viewing area. [Click here](#) to access the video.

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## **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: *Philanthropy Lessons* FREE video series**

#### **Value Beyond Dollars video now available**

Exponent Philanthropy is offering a free video series to spark conversation around issues philanthropy professionals deal with daily. The most recent video release is around the topic of creating value beyond financial commitments. To create the most impact, philanthropy must bring value beyond grant dollars. Funders have the opportunity to play important roles as mentors and conveners, supporters and motivators. To view this video, [click here!](#)

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