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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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11:30 am - 12:30 pm

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August 18: Donor Control Webinar

(co-hosted with Council on Foundations)

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

[Learn more and register here!](#)

October 5: Connect Conference

Registration information available soon!

County Endowment Fund Program Annual Reports Due August 29th

It is time once again to prepare the annual County Endowment Fund Program reports. Each year ICoF, in partnership with the Iowa Gaming Association, develops an annual report of the grantmaking and endowment building taking place in Iowa through funds distributed to counties without gaming facilities. The information we collect in these reports serve two important purposes:

- it must be reviewed by the Department of Revenue before you can receive this year's distribution of county endowment funds; and
- it is used to create the annual publication that the ICoF produces in partnership with the Iowa Gaming Association.

If your community foundation or affiliates receive CEFP funds, you should've already received an email with detailed instructions and attached documents for use in completing your reports. All reports are due before and no later than **Monday, August 29, 2016**.

If you have questions, please call 515-989-1188 or contact our office via email at info@iowacounciloffoundations.org.

Endow Iowa Tax Credits

A recently released report from the Iowa Department of Revenue indicates that there are approximately \$1.6 million dollars remaining in available tax credits for 2016. These tax credits are available to donors on a first-come, first-served basis and when they are depleted, donors will wait until the next calendar year to receive their credit. Don't delay in sharing information about this important tax credit program with your donors today!

Connect Conference: Save the Date!

ICoF's Annual Connect Conference: Community Foundations Networking Summit will be **Wednesday, October 5** at the Hilton

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 Initiative and the Iowa Economic Development Authority. Registration information will be released shortly!

CF Stories Blog

This month's blog features Corrine Kroger Grade-Level Reading Coordinator for the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque and Iowa Regional Director for Vision to Learn. Corrine blogs about the uniqueness of rolling out the Grade-Level Reading Campaign county-wide which includes four school districts and how that has shaped how they've managed the program. During the initial stages of rolling out the campaign, a need was identified for better follow-up on identified vision issues for children in the county. Vision to Learn has now helped over 100 kids in the county and the successes of the program continues. To learn more about these programs, read Corrine's blog [here](#).

Learning Opportunities

Summer Webinar Series *FREE*

This summer ICoF is hosting two FREE webinars designed for Community Foundation Affiliates regarding Board Development. The first webinar took place on July 13 and the next webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, August 10. Each hour-long webinar is facilitated by Tony Macklin. Tony has 25 years of experience in integrating grantmaking, philanthropic advising, donor engagement, public policy, communications, and change management skills. Tony's career also included 12 years with the Central Indiana Community Foundation. We are pleased to have Tony lead these webinars for the benefit of your community foundation.

Your Advisory Committee as Resource Builders

Wednesday, August 10 from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Successful community foundations attract and steward a variety of resources – relationships and partnerships, talent and ideas, financial capital, and more. Advisory committee members are critical to this success, regardless of the size or staffing of the foundation or affiliate. During this webinar, you'll learn: the Triple A approach to creating an internal culture of philanthropy, board responsibilities for resource development, how to create and successfully implement a resource development plan, and resource development strategies for the Endow Iowa and County Endowment Fund programs.

Register for the webinar by clicking [here](#).

Donor Control Webinar co-hosted with Council on Foundations

Join ICoF and the Council on Foundations for a FREE webinar on Donor Control. This webinar will be hosted by COF's Lara Kalwinski, Senior Counsel, Compliance & Policy | Executive Director, National Standards. This webinar will explore the tricky business of donor control. In an era of donor engagement, close relationships, and advising on charitable expectations, working with donors can be tricky when it comes to control over the funds. The fact is that the law applies to everyone the same whether you are the fundraiser or a board member speaking to a donor. We will start with a brief overview of who is in control and then review a few case studies from Iowa CFs and specific examples of how to address and stay in the clear when it comes to the challenges of donor control, involvement, and engagement. If you have a question, you'd like to be considered for the webinar, please email Michele Walstrom, Community Foundation Services Coordinator, at mwalstrom@iowacounciloffoundations.org.

For additional information and to register for this FREE webinar, please click [here](#).

2016 Exponent Philanthropy National Conference **September 26-28 in Chicago, Illinois**

This conference is designed for foundations with few or no staff, family foundations and individual donors.

Join Exponent Philanthropy in Chicago to gain knowledge, skills, and connections that will fuel your passions, foster relationships, and inform your giving and your impact. Program highlights include: Daylong pre-conference programming, Peer exchanges, Hall of Outsized Impact, Philanthropy lessons, site visits and service projects and 20th Anniversary Celebration at the Chicago Cultural Center. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Grantmakers for Education, Annual Conference **October 26 - 28 in Denver, Colorado**

As education funders invest resources in confronting the inequities in our education system that disproportionately impact underserved communities and marginalized student populations, we are surrounded by the broader political, social and economic tensions currently at play. If we do not name them they hide in the shadows. Going forward, leaders in the field must be brave enough to shine light on these issues and ask ourselves: How does our work relate to the ongoing national conversations on race and class?

The 2016 Grantmakers for Education Conference—**Equity in Education: Conversations We're Not Having**—will be a forum for “undiscussable” topics, an opportunity to bring them out of the shadows. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Grantmakers in Aging, Annual Conference **October 26-28 in Portland, Oregon**

Together to Reach New Heights in Aging Philanthropy. The last 12 months have been heady times in the world of aging. As the country celebrated the 50th anniversary of Medicare, Medicaid, and the Older Americans Act, as well as the 80th anniversary of Social Security, leaders, legislators, and representatives of nonprofits came together in Washington DC for the White House Conference on Aging. It wasn't a gathering focused exclusively on past achievements, but instead announced a number of forward-thinking programs designed to improve the lives of older adults in the United States. For more information, click [here](#).

Community Foundations in the News

Foundations Making Headlines

Jasper Community Foundation, an affiliate of the **Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines** recently announced its grant awards for the year. [Click here](#) to read the article.

The **Okoboji Foundation**, an affiliate of the **Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines**, is offering an important challenge to their local non-profits. [Click here](#) to read the article.

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.

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