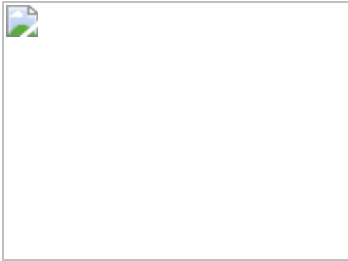


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CF SNAPSHOT



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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Finance Roundup: Gift Entry,
Processing and Stewardship
10:00 am

[Learn more and register here!](#)

October 5: Annual Connect Conference (Free!)

Hilton Garden Inn, Johnston, IA
9:30 am - 4:15 pm

[Learn more and register here!](#)

Connect Conference: Registration now

OPEN

ICoF's Annual Connect Conference: Community Foundations Networking Summit is **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 Initiative and the Iowa Economic Development Authority. Register [HERE](#) and read the conference agenda!

Endow Iowa Tax Credits

A recently released report from the Iowa Department of Revenue indicates that there are approximately \$1,085,550 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!

CF Stories Blog

This month's blog features Kari McCann Boutell, President, Iowa Council of Foundations. Kari recently attended the Joint Policy Institute hosted by the Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers and the National Council of Nonprofits and shares a few of the takeaways she gained from the conference. To read more about the important role of public policy and advocacy for your organization, read Kari's blog [here](#).

Learning Opportunities

September Peer Learning Call *FREE*

Thursday, September 15 at 10am

This month's Peer Learning Series call will focus on a Finance Roundup: Gift Entry, Processing and Stewardship. This call will feature

tracking Endow Iowa gifts and much more! The Peer Learning Call offers a good opportunity to learn from your peers, ask questions or share your own successes or challenges. To register to participate in the call, please click [here](#).

Summer Webinar Series Recordings Available

This summer ICoF hosted two FREE webinars designed for Community Foundation Affiliates regarding Board Development. The first webinar took place on July 13: *Building an Effective Affiliate Advisory Committee* and the second webinar on August 10 focused on: *Your Advisory Committee as Resource Builders*. Each hour-long webinar was facilitated by Tony Macklin and also featured a representative from an Affiliate sharing their own success stories. Tony Macklin 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. To access these recordings, click [here](#).

Also in August, ICoF partnered with the Council on Foundations to create a webinar on Donor Control. The webinar featured COF's Suzanne Friday, Senior Counsel and Vice President of Legal Affairs. Suzanne spoke about a number of legal factors to consider when working with donors and she also addressed several real case studies submitted by Iowa Community Foundations. To view and listen to a recording of this webinar, 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,

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

The theme of this year's conference is **Climbing Higher: Working 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

The **Fort Dodge Community Foundation** recently received the Governor's Arts Award for Collaboration in Partnership with the Arts for their unique partnership with the Fort Dodge Fine Arts Association. [Click here](#) to read the article.

Les Garner, President of the **Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation** wrote an article for the *Washington Monthly* on the success they have seen in expanding summer learning programs in Cedar Rapids. [Click here](#) to read the article.

Yappers, the youth grantmaking board of the **Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque**, recently awarded \$5,000 in grants to area organizations. [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.

Estate Planning 101

Gordon Fischer of the Gordon Fischer Law Firm, Iowa City, recently released an article outlining the importance of estate planning titled *Estate Planning: What Non-Profit Leaders MUST Know..* This article can be reproduced for use in Community Foundation newsletters and/or with donors. [Click here](#) to access the article.

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