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# CF SNAPSHOT



The CF Snapshot is a monthly e-newsletter for Iowa Community Foundations and Affiliates. It provides 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

### October 5: Annual Connect Conference (Free!)

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

[Learn more and register here!](#)

### October 27: ICoF Quarterly Membership Meeting

Grinnell College, Conrad  
Environmental Research Area  
10:00 am - 2:30 pm

[Learn more here!](#)

### November 17: Peer Learning Call

10:00 am

Additional details released soon!

## Connect Conference: Register TODAY!

Today is the final day to register for ICoF's Annual Connect Conference: Community Foundations Networking Summit. The event will be held this **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 their communities while giving volunteers and staff an opportunity to learn from one another. This is a FREE event sponsored through the Community Foundations Initiative and the Iowa Economic Development Authority. Click [HERE](#) to register and view the conference agenda.

## Endow Iowa Tax Credits

A report from the Iowa Department of Revenue dated September 28th indicates that there are approximately \$264,723 dollars remaining in available tax credits for 2016. These tax credits are available to donors on a first-come, first-serve basis. 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 Tony Macklin, Philanthropy Consultant and Session Speaker at this year's Connect Conference. Tony's blog, *Are Generous Families and their Advisors Prepared for the Future?*, explores the important role philanthropic advisors play in helping families finding meaning in their giving and identifying their philanthropic legacy. Read Tony's blog [here](#).

## Learning Opportunities

### November Peer Learning Call - FREE

Thursday, November 17 at 10 am

The November PLC details will be released shortly. Please check the ICoF website for updated offerings. If you were unable to join us for the September PLC, the recording of that call and all other calls made this year are available [here](#). September's Peer Learning Series focused on

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unique things they do to customize their gift entry and processing, tips on tracking Endow Iowa gifts and much more. The call was a great learning opportunity thanks to excellent questions asked by participants!

### **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 was held on August 10 (*Your Advisory Committee as Resource Builders*). Each hour-long webinar was facilitated by Tony Macklin and 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. She also addressed several case studies submitted by Iowa Community Foundations. To view and listen to a recording of this webinar, click [here](#).

### **2016 HR Summit: Investing in the Talent Pipeline**

**October 18 - 20, San Francisco, California**

The *2016 HR Summit: Investing in the Talent Pipeline*, co-hosted by the Council on Foundations and CHANGE Philanthropy (formerly JAG), is your unique opportunity to learn how to make your foundation — and philanthropy as a whole — more diverse, equitable and inclusive. For additional details and to register for this conference, click [here](#).

### **Grantmakers for Education, Annual Conference**

**October 26 - 28, Denver, Colorado**

The 2016 Grantmakers for Education Conference — **Equity in Education: Conversations We're Not Having** — will be a forum for “undiscussable” topics, and 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, Portland, Oregon**

The theme of this year's conference is **Climbing Higher: Working Together to Reach New Heights in Aging Philanthropy**. For more information, click [here](#).

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The **Pottawatomie County Community Foundation** recently received notice of its reaccreditation from the National Standards Board for U.S. Community Foundations. [Click here](#) to read the article.

The **Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine** has taken on a new role as a Host Foundation. [Click here](#) to read the article.

The **Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque** recently announced plans to expand its Vision to Learn program to serve 45 schools this year. [Click here](#) to read the article.

A non-profit executive director in Cedar Rapids explains the importance of the Operational Development Fund managed by the **Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation**. [Click here](#) to read the article.

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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.

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