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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](mailto:info@iowacommunityfoundations.org), ICoF Community Foundations Services Coordinator.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 17: Peer Learning Call

10:00 am

Shareback Conference

[Learn more and register here.](#)

Nov. 17: Benefit Bank Webinar

1 - 2:30 pm

[Learn more and register here.](#)

Annual Connect Networking Summit

ICoF's Annual Connect Conference for Community Foundations was held **Wednesday, October 5** at the Hilton Garden Inn in Johnston, Iowa. The day-long event featured speakers who discussed development, board strategies, National Standards, Transfer of Wealth and other topics. The presentations and follow-up materials have been posted in the Members Only Section of www.iowacommunityfoundations.org. If you do not have your login credentials, please [contact us](#).

Endow Iowa Tax Credits

A report from the Iowa Department of Revenue dated October 5th indicated that all remaining Endow Iowa Tax Credits for 2016 have been expended. These tax credits are available to donors on a first-come, first-serve basis. Now that they are depleted, donors will wait until the next calendar year to receive their credit. Please be sure to share this information with donors as you discuss this program with them.

CF Stories Blog

This month's blog features an Endow Iowa Update by Kari McCann Boutell, President of the Iowa Council of Foundations. Read Kari's blog [here](#).

Learning Opportunities

November Peer Learning Call - FREE

Thursday, November 17th

10 am

The next Peer Learning Call for Community Foundations and their Affiliates will be held on November 17 at 10 am. The November call's topic is Conference Shareback. Recently several CF members attended the Annual Conference for Growing Community Foundations in Wichita, Kansas. Those that attended the conference will share information on what they heard, valuable pieces of information and resources for CFs and other tools and insights they gained. The Peer Learning Call is a good opportunity to learn from your peers, ask

click [here](#).

The Benefit Bank Webinar

Thursday, November 17

1:00 – 2:30 pm

Creating a single online tool that can assist lowans of low and moderate income to find benefits and work supports has been a goal of many in our network for years. During the last six months, the Iowa Community Action Association and the United Way of Central Iowa have done extensive research on national best practices and available tools for one-stop enrollment. They are looking for a statewide tool that could be utilized by a variety of sites (agency case managers, CAP agencies, medical professional, MCOs, workforce development offices, etc.) across our state that incorporates federal and state program eligibility requirements ensuring full and complete eligibility assessment for individuals and their households for multiple programs.

The Benefit Bank® online service (TBB) is a benefits eligibility screener, benefits application filer and IRS-certified tax assistance and filing service. This unique combination of services and functions is tailored to meet the needs of each state's residents. This webinar will feature a demonstration of the online system, along with a discussion of how the TBB online service profoundly impacts individuals, families and communities through a unique and proven outreach model.

ICAA and UWCI introduced The Benefit Bank to several non-profit professionals early in October. This group included several ICoF and United Ways of Iowa members. After seeing the presentation, these members felt it would be beneficial to offer an opportunity for all ICoF and UWI members to learn more about The Benefit Bank and start a conversation about the potential opportunities for our state.

To participate in this free learning opportunity, please [register here](#), and then follow the instructions below for accessing the webinar on November 17.

Meeting Link: <https://www.startmeeting.com/wall/734-450-376>

Conference Call Number: (701) 801-1220

Meeting ID: 734-450-376

Using the 'What's Next for Community Philanthropy' Toolkit

November 16 from noon - 2 pm CT

\$50 for ICoF Members

The "What's Next for Community Philanthropy" initiative was launched by the Monitor Institute in January 2013 to help community foundation leaders understand the rapidly shifting context for their work and answer some of the most important questions now facing the field:

- How are community foundations adapting and innovating to meet the needs of a changing world?
- Are they changing enough?

shifting needs of local donors, nonprofits and residents in the future?

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

The Role of Alternative Investments in Foundation Investing Webinar - *FREE*

December 2nd

1:00 - 2:00 pm

This webinar will explore investing in “alternative” strategies. These investments include commodities, real estate, hedge funds and private equity, and they are increasingly seen as a way to mitigate the volatility of stocks and bonds. Learn what these asset classes represent, why and how to include them in your investment strategy and key factors to evaluate when considering alternatives. Speakers will include John Church and Kenneth Trippe of Glenmede in Philadelphia, PA. This webinar is hosted by Exponent Philanthropy and is open to members and nonmembers. To register for the webinar you will need to establish a login with Exponent Philanthropy (free). To learn more and register, [click here](#).

Community Foundations in the News

Foundations Making Headlines

The **Community Foundation of Johnson County** recently awarded more than \$250,000 to local nonprofits. [Click here](#) to read the article.

The **Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine** is helping to fund poetry on sidewalks as part of an effort to bring more focus to the arts in their community. [Click here](#) to read the article.

The **Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa** is helping bring a new, specialized community maker space to fruition. [Click here](#) to read the article.

The **Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation** recently created a Flood Recovery Fund for local businesses impacted by the recent flood in their area. [Click here](#) to read the article.

Articles & Items of Interest

Transfer of Wealth

The Community Vitality Center has issued the most recent version of the Transfer of Wealth Report that includes projections. [Click here](#) to access the report.

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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