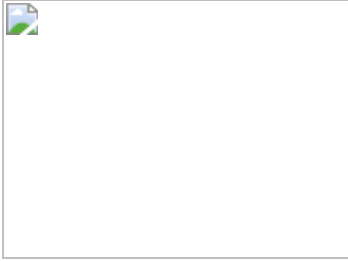


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CF SNAPSHOT



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.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 17: Capacity Building Grants Program Webinar

10:00 am

[Register here.](#)

2017 Educational Programming: Mark Your Calendar

As 2016 comes to an end, we are busy planning for educational offerings for the year ahead. We've highlighted in the list below, several funding and educational opportunities offered by ICoF in 2017. This list will continue to grow, so be sure to check the website

www.iowcounciloffoundations.org and watch for additional information in future *CF Snapshot* e-newsletters.

- **Capacity Building Grant Program** – Informational Webinar January 17. Applications available Feb 1, due April 1
- **Legislative Breakfast** – State Capitol Rotunda, March 28
- **CF Bootcamp** – Two offerings: May 15-16, West Des Moines, and May 18-19, Cedar Rapids; presented by the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance
- **Annual Connect Conference** – September 13, Des Moines area
- **Peer Learning Series Calls** – Mostly monthly, will resume in January

Capacity Building Grant Program

Each year, the Iowa Council of Foundation's Capacity Building Grants Program offers opportunities for qualified community foundations and their affiliates to seek grant support for their sustainable endowment building efforts. Capacity building 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. In an effort to increase understanding of this program, we will host a webinar to detail the application process and share examples of past successful grant applications. We will also offer ideas for grants and answer any questions regarding the program. Please click [here](#) to register for this webinar.

CF Stories Blog

This month's blog features Ellie Horst, ICoF intern. In her post, Ellie reflects on what she has learned while interning with ICoF and how

Learning Opportunities

Financial Health and Social Good: Steering Through Uncharted Waters *FREE*

Tuesday, December 6

Wednesday, December 7

12 - 1 pm

Uncertain about the future nonprofit funding and policy landscape? There are steps you can take to prepare your organization for whatever may be coming. Understanding nonprofits' financial health and readiness and crafting potential scenarios for programs and services are the crucial first steps to ensuring continued services to underserved communities.

Join Nonprofit Finance Fund for special webinars to help nonprofit leaders and funders talk openly and plan proactively. The same webinar is offered on two different dates.

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

Investing in the Nonprofit Workforce

Tuesday, January 24

1:00 – 2:15 pm

Grantmakers for Effective Organizations and Fund the People invite you to participate in a webinar to discuss the importance of grantmakers investing in the development of the nonprofit workforce and how funders can evaluate the impact of their investment in nonprofit talent.

Join us as Rusty Stahl, President & CEO of Fund the People discusses talent investment and talks with Brenda Solórzano, Chief Program Director of Blue Shield of California Foundation, about the talent investments they have made within their community.

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.

To participate in this webinar, please [register here](#).

Community Foundations in the News

Foundations Making Headlines

The chair of the Benton County Community Foundation, an affiliate fund of the **Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa**, penned an op-ed piece for their local newspaper during National Foundation Week. [Click here](#) to read the article.

Kelly Dix, Director of Operations for the **Pottawattamie County Community Foundation**, was recently named to the Midlands

The Tama County Community Foundation, an Affiliate Fund of the **Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa**, recently announced that the South Tama United Fund has joined their CF. [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.

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