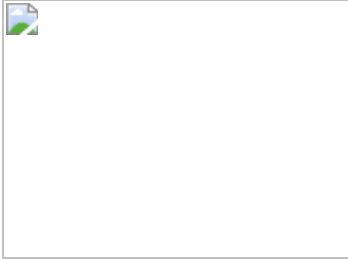


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CF SNAPSHOT



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

Peer Learning Call Series

Communications Roundup: Sharing Successful communications and marketing plans

Wednesday, May 24 | 10 am

[Register here!](#)

Community Foundation Boot Camp: Registration Closing This Friday!

ICoF, in partnership with the Iowa Economic Development Authority, is pleased to offer two comprehensive Community Foundation Boot Camp trainings in 2017. The Boot Camps will be offered May 15-16 in West Des Moines and May 18-19 in Cedar Rapids. Both locations will offer the same programming. Please choose the location most convenient for you.

To register for the West Des Moines training, [click here](#).

To register for the Cedar Rapids training, [click here](#).

COST: *Upon registration, you will be invoiced for the cost of the training.

- Iowa Community Foundations and Affiliates: \$250
- Community Foundations Outside of Iowa: \$575

Space is limited and sessions are filling up! Please note that registration will close this Friday. For questions, please contact Michele Walstrom, Community Foundation Services Coordinator at mwalstrom@iowacounciloffoundations.org.

Endow Iowa Legislative Update

The Iowa Legislature adjourned this year's session on April 22, concluding a session that had many difficult decisions to make around a tight budget. David Adelman, Legislative Consultant for the Community Foundation network, commented about the Endow Iowa Tax Credit Program in a recent report: "Given the extremely tight budget year that forced legislators to cut many currently funded programs, the Endow Iowa Tax credit received a status quo funding, retaining the credit at \$6 million annually. Due to the demand and success of the credit, the goal of the Iowa Community Foundations was to increase this appropriation to \$8 million; however, due to the difficult budget year, receiving status quo funding for this program should be viewed as a win." There is continued work to do to educate and inform legislators about the importance of the Endow Iowa Tax Credit program to Iowa

the summer and fall. And many thanks to those in the community foundation network that advocated for the EI program during this year's session with their local legislators.

Connect Conference: Save the Date (Correct Date listed below)

ICoF's Annual Connect Conference: Community Foundations Networking Summit will be held **Thursday, September 14** at the DMACC Conference Center at the Newton Campus in Newton, Iowa. This conference is designed to provide a framework for thinking about how local community foundations can create positive change in their region 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

In this month's Blog posting, Kari McCann Boutell, President, ICoF, blogs about the Capacity Building Grant Program that recently awarded nine grants to community foundations and/or affiliates around the state. Kari highlights a few of the grants that were awarded to possibly spark ideas for future grant proposals from other foundations. Learn more by reading Kari's blog [here](#).

Learning Opportunities

May Peer Learning Call *FREE*

Wednesday, May 24 | 10 am | Register here!

This month's Peer Learning Series call will focus on Communications RoundUp: What is effective? Colleagues will share their success stories, as well as ideas about communications and marketing initiatives that have been effective for their community foundation. The Peer Learning Call offers a good opportunity to learn from your peers, ask questions or share your own success stories or challenges. To register to participate in the call, please click on the link above. To access past PLC recordings, please [click here](#).

2017 Midwest Corporate Giving Webinar Series

Webinars offered bi-monthly by topic April 19 - December 13

Philanthropic associations from four Midwest states have collaborated to present six webinars designed for companies with either a corporate foundation, advised fund at a community foundation, or a giving program. The series is intended to help business professionals think smarter and perform better when it comes to combining their corporate mission with philanthropic action. To view a listing of webinar topics and to register for any of the offerings, [click here](#).

Fast-Track Iowa's Future

Wednesday, June 21 | 9 am - 4:30 pm | [Register here!](#)

Learning Grant, the Iowa STEM Council and numerous organizational planning partners, is introducing, FAST-TRACK IOWA's FUTURE: "A Future Ready Iowa Conference to make Work-Based Learning and STEM work for you". Fast-Track Iowa's Future, a conference featuring education-workforce innovations emerging across Iowa, will engage stakeholders in dialogue on how to grow and improve school-business partnerships, especially in STEM. The conference goal is to equip attendees with the knowledge, connections and resources to build school-business partnerships in home communities. It is the state's major work-based learning and STEM Conference.

Annual National Conference for Growing Community Foundations: *Save the Date*

October 1-3, 2017

Wichita, KS

This Conference is tailored but not limited to small-staffed and volunteer-led community foundations in rural, small urban, and suburban America. It is designed to meet the needs of both new and seasoned board members and staff in practical training to enhance skills in all major areas of community foundation management. All board members and other volunteers, executive directors and other staff of community foundations are welcome to attend.

There are fundamental, intermediary and advanced tracks developed to fit diverse learning needs of the attendees and to provide a platform for the exchange of knowledge and practical solutions. Best practices and know-how are shared to help increase a foundation's capacities and impact in the community. For additional information, please [click here](#).

Tri-State Community Foundation Partnership Webinar Series

Monthly, Various dates and times

This monthly webinar series focuses on a variety of topics that are of interest to the community foundation sector. To view the monthly offerings and/or to register for an upcoming webinar, [click here](#).

Community Foundations in the News

Foundations Making Headlines

The **Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque** recently published an assessment of mental health care needs in their area. [Click here](#) to read the article.

The **Pottawattamie Community Foundation** has received a \$2 million dollar gift to support a new local arts and culture center in the Council Bluffs community. [Click here](#) to read the article.

The **Clayton County Foundation for the Future**, an affiliate of the **Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque** recently awarded 3 grants to organizations in the Guttenberg area. [Click here](#) to read the article.

Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa recently announced their grant distribution for the year. [Click here](#) to read the article.

The **Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine** recently awarded over \$45,000 in grants to their community. [Click here](#) to read the article.

Articles & Items of Interest

New Podcast: Champions for Social Good's Conversation with Vikki Spruill

The Council of Foundations recently published a podcast with the organization's President and CEO, Vikki Spruill. In [this conversation with Champions for Social Good's Jamie Serino](#), Vikki delves into the Council's concept of Leading Together, which focuses on how foundations can come together, collaborate, and leverage resources to magnify impact and advance social good. To access this podcast, please click [here](#).

Washington Update

The most recent issue of the Council of Foundations' *Washington Update* can be accessed [here](#).

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