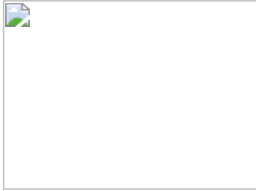


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CF SNAPSHOT



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 Series

*Community Leadership for
Community Foundations*
Wednesday, August 16 | 10 am
[Register here!](#)

Connect Conference: Save the Date, Thursday, September 14

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 Iowa Community Foundations Initiative and the Iowa Economic Development Authority. Registration information and speaker information will be released shortly.

Endow Iowa Fact Sheet Available

Recently the Iowa Council of Foundations along with input from the community foundation network, have developed a Fact Sheet that shares the importance of the Endow Iowa Tax Credit Program. This Fact Sheet can be used in discussion with legislators to explain how the program works and how it has benefited Iowa and your local community. To access a copy of this Fact Sheet, please [click here](#).

CF Stories Blog

In this month's Blog posting, Kari McCann Boutell, ICoF President, provides a preview of one of the speakers that will be participating in the Connect Conference this September. Connect will have a slightly different feel this year with a new format for the day. There will be two keynote addresses for all participants and then breakout sessions following each keynote. Kari shares more in her blog about one of the speakers that will provide both a keynote and breakout session on topics of interest to all sizes of community foundations. Learn more by reading Kari's blog [here](#).

Learning Opportunities

August Peer Learning Series *FREE*

Wednesday, August 16 | 10 am | [Register here!](#)

Because we don't host a PLC on the months that there are ICoF Membership meetings, the next Peer Learning Call will take place on August 16. This PLC will feature a couple of your colleagues sharing how their community foundation has benefited from participating in community needs assessments and local economic development initiatives. Both of these concepts were shared in our June webinar on ways to strategically invest your CEFP dollars. Now, with this PLC, you will be able to learn more details around how these projects came about and the long-term impact they are having on helping community foundations take leadership roles in their area. The Peer Learning Series offers a good opportunity to learn from your peers, ask questions or share your own success stories or challenges. To register to participate in this call, please click on the link above. To access past PLC recordings, please [click here](#).

Student Success & Scholarship Training: A Day of Learning and Networking for Scholarship Professionals

Thursday, July 13 | 8 - 3:45pm

Bloomington, MN

The National Scholarship Providers Association (NSPA) and Scholarship America with support from the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation are hosting a training session titled "Student Success & Scholarship Training: A Day of Learning and Networking for Scholarship Professionals," and it will be held on July 13, 2017 in Bloomington, Minnesota. Space is limited so please register by July 7th to secure a spot!

Session topics will include:

- College Advising 101
- Evaluating Students for Scholarships
- Higher Educational Financial Aid Federal Policy Update
- Marrying Mentoring & Money
- Scholar Snapp

For additional information on the program and speaker or to register, please click [click here](#).

The 2017 National Summit on Volunteer Engagement Leadership

Wednesday, July 26 - Friday, July 28

Minneapolis, MN

The need for effective, innovative and increased citizen involvement in solving today's growing social, educational, environmental and community problems has never been greater. Statistical reports from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics in 2014 reported a decrease in the number of citizens performing volunteer work, despite national campaigns promoting service. In 2015, Volunteer and Civic Service Engagement in the US reported that only a quarter of residents volunteer, a percentage that has not increased over the past decade. This Summit provides an opportunity for current and emerging leaders to discover together how to build a new national presence, tackle the issues they face and maximize their skills as volunteer engagement experts to improve our nation's communities. For additional information, please click [click here](#).

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

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](#).

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](#).

Community Foundations in the News

Foundations Making Headlines

The **Enhance Hamilton County Foundation (EHCF)** an affiliate of the **Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines** was recently part of a major community effort to restore the community's movie theater in downtown Webster City. The project to renovate the theater and ultimately reinvent the community was highlighted in a short film produced by Square, the payment processing company. EHCF served as the fiscal agent for the project and also provided a lead gift to the theater restoration project. [Click here](#) to learn more about the revitalization of Webster City and to view the short film.

Forty-six area nonprofits benefited from receiving grants from the **Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa** who recently announced over \$440,000 in awards. [Click here](#) to read the article.

The **Community Foundation of the Great River Bend** recently made over \$100,000 in grant awards to eight local nonprofits as part of their Nonprofit Capacity Building Program. [Click here](#) to read the article.

The **Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines** announced last week the three recipients of grant funding through their Better Together Fund. The grants totaled more than \$300,000. [Click here](#) to read the article.

Articles & Items of Interest

New Study on Managing Foundations in a Low-Interest Market

A new study was released last month based on a survey on endowments and foundations to understand how leaders were operating in a low-interest rate environment. Associated Grant Makers partnered with Fiduciary Trust on the survey, and recently held a program in their region sharing results and recommended best practices. Fiduciary Trust has issued a paper outlining findings covering areas of fundraising, investing, grant-making, spending and board governance. The report can be accessed [here](#).

Washington Update

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

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