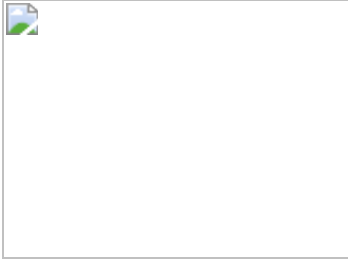


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# CF SNAPSHOT



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!](#)

### Annual Connect Conference

Thursday, September 14 | 9am-4pm  
[Register here!](#)

## Registration Now Open for Connect Conference

ICoF's Annual Connect Conference 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. [Register here!](#)

## Meet the Speaker: Kris Putnam-Walkerly

This year's Connect Conference will feature several speakers both national and regional in nature as well as a few CF colleagues. One of the Keynote speakers on September 14 will be Kris Putnam-Walkerly. Kris is Founder and Owner of Putnam Consulting Group and was recently named as one of the top 25 speakers in Philanthropy. She is the author of *Confident Giving* and is a frequent contributor in the publications of leading philanthropy associations including the National Center for Family Philanthropy, Foundation Center, Southeastern Council on Foundations and Exponent Philanthropy. We are pleased to have Kris speak to Connect attendees this year on the topic of "Delusional Altruism". "Delusional Altruism<sup>SM</sup>" is a term coined by Putnam Consulting Group to describe situations in which a funder is genuinely trying to make a difference on the issues and communities it cares about — while paying absolutely no attention to how it may be getting in its own way, nor to the operational inefficiency and waste that drains both the funder and grantees of the human and financial capital necessary to accomplish their goals. Does your philanthropy suffer from Delusional Altruism? If you'd like to learn more about what Kris thinks on this topic and others, please plan to join us at Connect on September 14 in Newton!

## Talking With Legislators

Throughout the year ICoF has been providing information on the importance of talking with legislators about the work of community

Points to use during your meetings with legislators. These Talking Points were developed in conjunction with David Adelman, Lobbyist to the Community Foundations in Iowa. The Talking Points stress the importance of CF work in Iowa and the value of the Endow Iowa Tax Credit to growing sustainable philanthropy. They can be used in conjunction with the Endow Iowa Fact Sheet. [Click here to access the Talking Points](#); [click here to access the Endow Iowa Fact Sheet](#).

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## **County Endowment Fund Program Reports Due August 28th**

It is time once again to prepare the annual County Endowment Fund Program reports. The information collected in these reports serve two important purposes:

- It must be reviewed by the Department of Revenue before you can receive this year's distribution of CEFP funds; and
- It is used to create the annual publication that the ICoF produces in partnership with the Iowa Gaming Association.

If your community foundation or affiliates receive CEFP funds, you should've already received an email with detailed instructions and attached documents for use in completing your reports. **All reports are due before and no later than Monday, August 28th.**

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## **CF Stories Blog**

Recently Nicole Bura-Behrens, President of the Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation (GPCF), Kari McCann Boutell, ICoF President, and Denise Lamphier, Director of Communications and Development for Grinnell Regional Medical Center (GRMC) met with state legislators in the Poweshiek County area to discuss the importance of the Endow Iowa Tax Credit program and the value it brings to the communities in Iowa. Denise offered an important perspective at that meeting. The GRMC has an Endowed Fund with the GPCF and Denise spoke to the importance of that fund to helping the hospital grow in the Grinnell community and provide more services to residents. In this month's blog, Denise shares what she spoke about to legislators and how you too can partner with an agency fund holder to better share the story of impact in your community. [Read Denise's blog here](#).

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## **A Chance to Spotlight Your Foundation's Commitment to Rural Communities**

A new project sponsored by Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina, and supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is looking for inspiring examples of philanthropy's role in promoting healthy, equitable rural communities – and Iowa Community Foundations have the opportunity to see their work become part of the learning for national audiences.

The [Rural Philanthropic Analysis](#) is an 18-month exploration focused on the health and well-being of rural America. It represents a unique

their local and regional colleagues. The project seeks to highlight rural work that has a long-term strategy and involves creative and innovative intersections of funders, community, government and nonprofits. The learning trajectory includes phone interviews and possibly site visits and lots of individual referrals.

If you would like to start a discussion to be part of the Rural Philanthropic Analysis, [contact Program Coordinator Jonathan Rine](#).

## **Learning Opportunities**

### **August Peer Learning Series *FREE***

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

The next Peer Learning Call will feature three 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 CEFPP dollars.

- Darcy Swon, Enhance Hamilton County Community Foundation, an Affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines will share information around how they helped spearhead a community needs assessment in their county and the benefits to their work that have resulted.
- Randy Kuhlman, President, Fort Dodge Community Foundation and the United Way, will talk about the collaborative work they are involved with in their community around "creative placemaking".
- Jason Nieves, Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, will provide an update on the work of the Heart & Soul initiative to build community vision in Monticello and Bellevue.

With this PLC you will be able to learn more 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, please use the link above. To access past PLC recordings, please [click here](#).

## **Annual National Conference for Growing Community Foundations**

**October 1-3, 2017 | [Register here!](#)**

**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.

Kari McCann Boutell, President, ICoF will be attending the conference and is interested in ride-sharing with others from Iowa who also

## **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](#).

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## **Community Foundations in the News**

### **Foundations Making Headlines**

The **Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque** recently opened a disaster-relief fund. [Learn more here](#).

The **Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation** is involved in helping Grinnell launch a campaign to renovate a veterans building. [Learn more here](#).

The Iowa Council of Foundations recently announced its new slate of Board members. [Learn more here](#).

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## **Articles & Items of Interest**

### **Help Wanted: Legal Expert**

There seems to often be an ongoing need for legal expertise in the community foundations. The problem that often arises is that a CF doesn't need legal assistance all of the time, and therefore it is not cost-beneficial to have legal counsel on staff. Because this is an issue that plagues many foundations, the United Philanthropy Forum developed the Legal Help Desk, a service to provide legal expertise to foundations, when they need it. To learn more about The Legal Help Desk, [click here](#).

### **GEO Hosts New Blog Series**

A new series by Grantmakers for Effective Organizations (GEO) will feature blogs from leaders in the field of philanthropy on timely topics. The first blog is posted now and you can [access it here](#).

### **New National Standards Board Members**

The National Standards Board for Community Foundations recently

certification for community foundations around the country. In Iowa, community foundations must receive this designation in order to participate in the Endow Iowa Tax Credit and County Endowment Fund Programs. To read the article, please [click here](#).

### Washington Update

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

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