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The CF Snapshot is a monthly e-newsletter for Iowa Community Foundations and Affiliates. If you have information you would like included, please [email Michele Walstrom](#), ICoF Community Foundations Services Coordinator.

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## Upcoming Trainings & Events

### Community Foundations Legislative Breakfast

Thursday, March 7 | 7:30 - 9 am

Iowa State Capitol Rotunda

Please join your community foundation colleagues from around the state as we gather at the State Capitol to talk about the important work of Iowa community foundations legislators. [Invitations](#) have been distributed to all legislators. Here are a few ICoF resources to assist you with your outreach and conversations:

- [Community Foundation 2019 Legislative Talking Points](#)
- [Iowa Community Foundations Fact Sheet](#)
- [Endow Iowa Tax Credit Fact Sheet](#)
- [County Endowment Fund Program Fact Sheet](#)

[Register here to join us!](#)

### A Brisk Walk Through the Basics of Planned Giving

Thursday, April 4 | 8 am - 4:30 pm | \$25

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The ICoF has partnered with the Minnesota Planned Giving Council to lead community foundation participants in a one-day seminar through the nuts and bolts of planned giving instruments and strategies. We invite attendees who are new to planned giving, general development staff members, planned giving staff who need a refresher, and anyone interested in the planned giving process. Attendees will receive an overview of gift planning and the tools you need to make the most of it.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

### **Community Foundations Boot Camp**

May 22-23 | \$250 per participant

ISU Extension of Polk County | Altoona, IA

The Iowa Council of Foundations, through the Iowa Community Foundations Initiative and in partnership with the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance, is pleased to offer the Community Foundation Boot Camp. The two-day training program offers a comprehensive overview of the structure and operations of a community foundation. Topics covered include:

- Community Foundation Overview
- Governance
- Fund Management
- Asset Development
- Finance and Investments
- Grantmaking and Community Leadership
- Operational Sustainability
- Community Foundation Lifecycle

Please [contact Michele Walstrom](#) with questions.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

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## **CF Stories Blog**

In this month's blog, Kari McCann Boutell, ICoF President, writes about the 15th Anniversary of the County Endowment Fund Program and it's important

community/county.

[Read this month's blog here!](#)

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## Learning Opportunities

### **National Standards Monthly Conference Call**

Second Wednesday of each month | 12 pm | Next call is March 13

The purpose of this monthly call is to offer community foundation staff a venue to voice questions or concerns related to the National Standards program. The input of CF staff is critical to the success of the program. Additionally, this call provides an opportunity for National Standards staff to update CF staff about any upcoming changes or improvements to the accreditation process.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

### **Webinar: Engaging Boards and Trustees in Strategic Learning**

March 7 | 1 - 2:30 pm | Free to GEO Members | \$50 for Non-members

Join FSG and Grantmakers for Effective Organizations as they discuss the release of their new toolkit, "Engaging Boards and Trustees in Strategic Learning." During this webinar, you will explore some of these resources and hear from practitioners in the field who have worked to deepen learning with their boards and trustees.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

### **Leading Together: Council on Foundations Annual Conference**

April 29 - May 1, 2019 | Miami, FL

Leading Together is a gathering of smart and pioneering people exploring the intersection of philanthropy and driving communities forward. It's a place where you find the time to pause, let your mind go free, and think about big ideas and what's possible.

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## Peer Pointers

This section of the CF Snapshot features short descriptions of positive work happening at community foundations and affiliates across Iowa. If you'd like more information about these topics, please [contact Michele](#).

Each quarter the ICoF hosts a Peer-Learning Call on a topic of interest to community foundation staff, board members and volunteers. February's call focused on strategies community foundations use to help local nonprofit partners grow their agency endowments. [You can listen to the call here](#).

For additional peer pointers around planned giving, working with professional advisors, marketing and communications, grantmaking and more, access the [PLC archives](#) and learn more from your peers!

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## Community Foundations in the News

[The Community Foundation of Carroll County grants \\$164K to 27 nonprofits](#)

[The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque receives grant funding to continue energy district work](#)

[The Q2030 Community Collaboration Workgroup and Quad Cities Community Foundation plan a Student Big Table](#)

[The Siouxland Community Foundation partners with The Native Fund to raise funds for the Hartley Community Center](#)

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## Articles & Items of Interest

### Endow Iowa Tax Credit Update

As of 2/4/2019, all 2019 Endow Iowa tax credits have been allocated. Beginning 2/5/2019, applications will be added to the 2020 waitlist. The 2020 tax credit allocation is pending the state Legislature's approval of the FY20 budget.

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Foundation Research and Training Institute, shares perspectives on the challenges to community foundations serving in leadership capacities in their community. You can [access his blog here](#).

### **Grant Opportunity from The Wellmark Foundation**

The Wellmark Foundation is offering two competitive Matching Assets to Community Health (MATCH) grant opportunities in 2019. The MATCH grants are designed to support larger projects that build on the assets unique to a community and address local health needs in Iowa and South Dakota. The term “matching grant” means an organization is required to raise some money to match the grant amount. [Learn more here](#).

### **Washington Snapshot**

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

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