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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.

Upcoming Trainings & Events

Registration Open: Annual Connect Community Foundations Conference

Tuesday, September 17 | 9 am - 4:30 pm

Hilton Garden Inn | Johnston, Iowa

Join us to learn from state and national experts about trends in philanthropy and best practices for community foundations! 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.

Again this year, community foundations who send at least two representatives to Connect will be eligible for mileage reimbursement (up to \$75 per CF) and to apply for Idea Implementation grant funding (up to \$1,500 per CF). Register today!

[Register here!](#)

Wednesday, August 14 | 10 am

Call: 866-740-1260 & Enter Passcode: 9891188

The August Peer Learning Call will feature a variety of your colleagues sharing successful communications and marketing tools, plans and event ideas. Join the call and learn from community foundations that have benefited from implementing strategic communication to better inform their community and their donors about their good work!

[Register here!](#)

County Endowment Fund Program Reports Due

Each year, the ICoF collects information about the grantmaking and endowment building taking place in Iowa in the counties who participate in the County Endowment Fund Program. A detailed email with instructions and attachments for the reporting process has been sent to host and standalone community foundations. As a reminder, all reports are due on or before **August 16**. Please [contact us](#) with questions.

CF Stories Blog

This year we celebrate 15 years of the County Endowment Fund Program. ICoF President, Kari McCann Boutell blogs this month about strategies community foundations can use to make the most impact with their CEFPP grantmaking dollars.

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

Learning Opportunities

National Standards Monthly Conference Call

Second Wednesday of each month | 12 pm | Next call is July 10

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!](#)

2019 Iowa Youth Philanthropy Conference

August 6 | 9:30 am - 3:30 pm | Marshalltown Community College

Join us for a day of learning with youth philanthropy students and leaders from across the state. What to expect:

- Explore research on mental health needs of young people in Iowa;
- Learn about different youth philanthropy programs;
- Explore strategies to use your voice to advance issues and support causes you care about;
- Understand opportunities to stay connected to philanthropy and your community following graduation; and
- Get practical tools/resources to take back to your community with you.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

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](#).

Through an ICoF Capacity Building Grant, the Community Foundation of Louisa County, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine spent this last year building the capacity of the board members to increase their endowment growth. They had identified two goals: 1) Equip the Advisory Board members to be advocates for CFLC, and 2) Make CFLC a household name in Louisa County in order to build endowment funds to benefit Louisa County and its residents. To further engage board members throughout the year and build community visibility, the board members participated in everything from serving

page, to creating a fundraising letter which was distributed to 550 county residents!

Partially due to their increased participation--endowment contributions have increased over \$170,000 in the past twelve months to new and existing funds! As Paula Buckman, Director of the Community Foundation of Louisa County stated about the importance of board member engagement, "Board members want to be involved. They don't want to just come to a meeting and hear about what is going on. However, as director and as committee members, we need to better define goals, roles and timelines so that members feel confident in taking a leadership role on a project. I have been making the meeting agenda less informational and more focused on board action."

Actionable plans for board members can make all of the difference in building community engagement and donor relations!

Community Foundations in the News

[The Pottawattamie County Community Foundation recently marked their largest grant cycle in their organization's history.](#)

[The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque's equity coordinator recently penned an editorial addressing the need to remove barriers to employment in the region.](#)

[A donor profile from the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa demonstrates how philanthropy is often passed down through generations.](#)

Articles & Items of Interest

Washington Snapshot

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

Philanthropy Career Center

Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation – Multimedia Design Specialist

Cedar Rapids, IA | Full-Time

Applications are being accepted by the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation for the position of Multimedia Design Specialist. This position is responsible for creating and executing visual and digital communications through print materials, website, and other media to promote philanthropy and impactful grantmaking in Linn County.

To apply, submit a cover letter, resume and three references to [Corinne Ramler](#). Application deadline is Monday, July 1, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. A complete job description is available at www.gcrf.org.

Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation – Controller

Cedar Rapids, IA | 80% Full-Time

Applications are being accepted by the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation for the position of Controller. This position is responsible for the management of the financial operations of the Community Foundation, including: financial accounting reporting and data analysis; audit and tax; and benefits administration. To apply, submit a cover letter, resume and three references to [Jean Brenneman](#). The application deadline is Monday, July 1, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. A complete job description is available at www.gcrf.org.

Learn more about applying here!

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