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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

### Connect Community Foundations Virtual Conference

**Final week to Register!** *Registration closes September 15.*

ICoF's Annual Connect Community Foundations Virtual Conference will be held September 22-23 and September 29-30 via Zoom. Join colleagues from around the state to learn from regional 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.

Additionally, the [Fall Capacity Building Grant Program](#) Pre-Application will be available beginning on the first day of Connect. More information will be provided on this grant cycle during the opening session.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

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## November Peer Learning Call: Donor Development in a Pandemic

November 11, 2020 | 10 am | Zoom

The next Peer Learning Call will spotlight how community foundations and affiliates are engaging with their donors during this time of social distancing. We will learn from colleagues who've found unique ways to connect with their donors and continue to build relationships - even from a distance. We will also hear from last year's Fall grant recipients who had planned to implement the 52 Cups of Coffee concept that originated at the 2019 Connect Conference. We will hear how they altered their plans this year. Please save the date!

Registration will open in the October *CF Snapshot*.

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## Save the Date! Foundant User Group Training

November 10, 2020 | 1- 4 pm | Zoom

ICoF has partnered with Foundant to offer this virtual training to Foundant GLM and SLM users in our network. This session will provide you with information on using the system and allow you to ask questions of the trainer in a virtual environment. If your community foundation uses Foundant, you will receive registration information directly from Foundant. Please keep an eye out!

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## CF Stories Blog

Kari McCann Boutell, ICoF President, blogs this month about changes to the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 Capacity Building Grants Program.

[Read the blog here!](#)

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## Learning Opportunities

### Getting Started with Community Heart & Soul Virtual Workshop

Begins September 29 (weekly webinars thereafter) | Virtual | FREE

Hosted by: *Community Heart & Soul*

These virtual sessions are for volunteers, board and staff that might be

most to their residents. This five-part series of virtual workshops provides the steps to get started with Community Heart & Soul. It will prepare residents and local leaders in communities to work with Coaches to implement the model, and it is also the first step for anyone interested in becoming a Coach.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

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

October 26 - 27 | Online | \$399

The Annual National Conference for Growing Community Foundations, hosted by the Kansas Association of Community Foundations, 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 CF management. This year, you can participate virtually.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

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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](#).

On August 10 a derecho tore a path through the state of Iowa mostly impacting communities in Central and Eastern Iowa along Highway 30. Due to the widespread devastation caused by this storm, several community foundations have responded by establishing funds to assist with response and recovery in their respective communities. Listed below are several of the funds that have been developed and continue to grant funds locally:

**Community Foundation of Marshall County:** The [Disaster Recovery Fund](#) provides an opportunity for the public to give with the reassurance their donations will be used to quickly move resources to where they are most

existing nonprofit, local, state and federal programs. Having faced a similar disaster of a tornado prior, the CFMC, in partnership with their host the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, was able to quickly open this fund to provide resources to their community.

**Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation:** On August 13, the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation established the [Disaster Recovery Fund](#) to provide philanthropic support to Linn County communities recovering from the derecho. The fund was established by a lead gift of \$100K from TaxAct, headquartered in Cedar Rapids. To-date, the Fund has received contributions totaling \$364K from 934 donors from 48 states and three countries. As of August 24, the Fund has distributed \$67,500 in grants to local nonprofits.

**Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation:** In response to community needs, the community foundation partnered with the Claude W. & Dolly Ahrens Foundation, Grinnell Chamber of Commerce and the Grinnell United Way in an effort to communicate organizational information and options to individuals wishing to make financial contributions following the derecho. One giving option is through the GPCF. They extended the scope of their previously established [Nonprofit Emergency Relief Fund](#) to include those organizations impacted by storm damage.

A key to quickly establishing disaster response and recovery funds is the disaster planning that a CF does before a disaster impacts their community. If your CF is interested in beginning disaster philanthropy planning, consider reviewing the [Iowa Community Foundations Initiative Disaster Philanthropy Toolkit](#) and [Checklist](#) with your board, staff or affiliate advisory committee.

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## Community Foundations in the News

[Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque Heart and Soul communities receive Rural Innovation Grants from Iowa Economic Development Authority.](#)

[Community Foundation of Johnson County assists in grant distribution for a local program aimed at supporting immigrant and minority owned businesses.](#)

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## Articles & Items of Interest

### Department of Agriculture

USDA Rural Development is seeking applications from organizations to provide planning and/or implementation technical assistance to rural communities to foster placemaking under the Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge. The program will award up to \$1M in competitive cooperative agreement funds in FY20. The application deadline is September 10. [Learn more here.](#)

### Delta Dental Ignite & Innovation Grant Deadline Extended

Following the derecho and continued widespread loss of power and internet access, the Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation has extended the Ignite and Innovation grant application deadlines to September 15. [Learn more here.](#)

### Career Center Postings

To view all career postings for positions in philanthropy throughout the state, please visit the [Career Center](#).

### Washington Snapshot

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

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