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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 Foundation Services Coordinator.



Connect Conference Series Session 6: The Gift Planning Conversation

Part III of a three-part series presented in partnership with the Heaton Smith Group

Tuesday, September 21 | 9 – 11 am

How in the world did you get a job where you have to talk to people about money, death and taxes? Starting gift planning conversations with donors can feel overwhelming and intrusive, especially if these concepts are new for you. We'll share how to identify your planned giving prospects and how to listen for the important clues that can open gift planning conversations with your donors. Throughout this session, presenters will pay special attention to how you can convey the unique ways that community foundations can serve charitably minded people.

This session has been designed for host, standalone and affiliate community foundations.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

Colleague Inquiry

Two community foundations are seeking information from colleagues regarding different topics. They are interested in learning:

"At the recent Community Foundations Bootcamp, it was suggested that agency funds be named 'Charitable Organization Advised Funds.' It is thought that this will help to screen out non-501(c)3 organizations and using 'advised' reinforces the community foundation may withhold funds if the organization is acting improperly."

- **Does your organization follow this reasoning and what name does your organization use for agency funds?**

Another question from a colleague related to managing funds:

- **What is the minimum fund balance you allow for any of your funds?**

To provide a response to either question, [please click here](#) on or before **Friday, August 6**. Thank you, in advance, for sharing your insights with your colleagues!

Learning Opportunities

Center for Working Families Model Discussion

Hosted by ICoF

August 10 at 1 pm | FREE | Virtual

Join us for a conversation with Dr. Marvin DeJear, Jr, former executive director of the Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families in Des Moines. Dr. DeJear will provide an overview of the CWF model, discuss organizing and implementation of the model in Des Moines and share recommendations on how to get started exploring this model for your community. We will also hear from Kaye Englin, President and CEO at the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa. Kaye will talk about emerging work around the CWF model in the Cedar Valley. There will be plenty of time for you to ask questions of the speakers to learn about how best to get started in coordinating partners and support to bring the model to your community.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

August 18-20 | Registration: \$70 | Hotel Kirkwood, Cedar Rapids

Registration is open for the fifth annual Iowa Rural Summit. The Summit is sponsored by the Iowa Rural Development Council (IRDC), a public-private state non-profit that works to support small towns addressing issues such as housing, broadband access, business development and leadership.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

Annual National Conference for Growing Community Foundations

Hosted by: Kansas Association of Community Foundations

October 13-15 | Cost: \$399 Virtual or \$699 In-Person

Join community foundation colleagues in person or online for the 2021 HYBRID Annual National Conference for Growing Community Foundations. This conference will explore the “heart” of effective community philanthropy. How can we better serve our communities by finding the common ground beyond divisions, heal past inequities, apply good leadership to grow and expand a healthy place to live, and take care of ourselves, staff, and community in the process? Throughout the conference there will be exploration of tried and true methods for this work, using measurable actions and stories from the field.

[Learn more 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](#).

Finding the right people to participate in your community foundation's board may seem like a daunting and never-ending task for some. The **Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa** (CFNEIA) has come up with an idea to assist their affiliates in identifying new board members in a unique way.

CFNEIA brought together a team of staff members representing different areas of

Connection team started talking about getting a better selection of candidates for nomination and approval rather than substitution (allowing a current board member to find a candidate to 'fill' their vacated spot). We also got ideas from Susan Howlett's talk (at Connect 2020) using the matrix."

From these conversations came the idea to use an online volunteer form to seek out interested board members in their affiliate region. Any interested person can go to the CFNEIA website and fill out an interest form and then someone from the affiliate or CFNEIA will contact the person to discuss their interest more. The program is new but part of an overall strategy to help affiliates fill board seats with volunteers that can offer expertise in areas they need. CFNEIA is also utilizing a matrix of skills and abilities of board members to ensure they have the appropriate "mix" of leadership.

The community foundation has a [page dedicated to volunteering with their affiliates](#) and also a link to the [Volunteer Interest Form](#) and an [Affiliate Volunteer Job Description](#). You can also view a recording of Susan Howlett's session on "[Finding the Good Ones: How to Build a Pipeline of Model Board Members](#)" as well as access other resources from her session on board development on the [ICoF website](#).

Community Foundations in the News

[The Cedar Falls Community Foundation](#) has announced a new Executive Director as current Director Cyndi Sweet plans to step down later this summer.

[The Community Foundation of Johnson County](#) recently announced the retirement of their CFO Shirley Fliehler and the search to find her replacement.

[The RiverBluff Community Foundation](#), an affiliate of the [Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque](#), has reached a milestone of \$1 million in assets.

Articles & Items of Interest

Building a Just and Equitable Future. In an effort to more broadly disseminate the information shared at their conference, they are offering public access to all of their Plenary sessions. To learn more and access sessions from the conference, [click here](#).

Save the Date Iowa Nonprofit Summit: Building a Stronger Iowa Together

The annual Iowa Nonprofit Summit will take place virtually **October 5-7**. The Iowa Council of Foundations is partnering with the Summit to offer sessions of interest to ICoF members and community foundations. [Save the date now](#) and watch for additional information in upcoming CF Snapshots!

Career Center Postings

Southwest Iowa Associate

*Omaha Community Foundation/Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa
Full-time | Omaha, NE*

Vice President of Finance and Operations

*Community Foundation of Johnson County
Full-time | Coralville, IA*

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

Washington Snapshot

Access the most recent edition of Washington Snapshot from the Council on Foundations [here](#).

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