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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!](#)

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Sessions occur October 19-28 | 10 – 11 am

An important part of any conference event is the networking and conversations that take place between conference participants. This has always been noted as a highlight for Connect Conference participants in the past. In an effort to continue these conversations and opportunities to learn from one another in a virtual format, the Peer Learning Circles are sessions designed for specific groups to gather and discuss topics and ideas of interest to them. These conversations will provide an opportunity for you to pose questions to your peers at other community foundations throughout Iowa. Iowa Council of Foundations staff will monitor the conversations and you will be asked to submit questions in advance to help guide the conversation.

You are welcome to join more than one PLC, but please register for each one separately.

Peer-Learning Circles for 2021:

- Oct. 19: Development & Fundraising Staff
- Oct. 20: Grants & Program Staff
- Oct. 21: CEO Network Meeting, 10-11:30 am (CEOs of Host/Standalone community foundations)
- Oct. 26: Affiliate Staff, Contractors & Volunteers
- Oct. 27: Finance Staff
- Oct. 28: Marketing & Communications

[Learn more and register here!](#)

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## Reset (or Set!) Your Password for Exclusive Content

The Iowa Council of Foundations recently launched a new software system that requires users of our website, [IowaCouncilOfFoundations.org](https://www.iowacounciloffoundations.org), to reset their password. (For security reasons we could not transfer passwords from the old system.) Those of you already in our system received an email notice on August 18, and perhaps the reminder on August 25.

Logging in to our website gives community foundations access to our Knowledge Center, past Connect Conference resources, and more. You will also notice it is

**account on our site.** If you received this newsletter directly and have not already reset your password, simply use the "[Forgot Password?](#)" link in the upper right corner of our website, or refer to the 8/18/2021 email for additional information and instructions. If this newsletter was forwarded to you we may not have you in our system yet -- in that event, [please sign up](#) if you are eligible.

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## Learning Opportunities

### **COVID-19's Long Tail: Developing a Mental Health Strategy for Recovery**

*Hosted by the Center for Disaster Philanthropy*

Thursday, September 9 | 1-2 pm | Free Webinar

The Center for Disaster Philanthropy (CDP) is hosting a webinar to explore how grantmakers can approach trauma and grief resulting from the pandemic in a way that has national or international scope but local impact. COVID-19 is leaving a long tail of psycho-social impacts from the variety of losses that people have experienced during the pandemic such as death, illness, housing and job insecurity, and absence of in-person treatment. Policymakers and funders need a sustained and intentional strategy to address these challenges as part of a holistic post-pandemic recovery.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

### **Iowa Nonprofit Summit**

*Hosted by Volunteer Iowa*

October 5-7 | Registration rates range from \$15-25 | Virtual

Join Volunteer Iowa for an interactive virtual event and take advantage of the latest resources available to help nonprofits thrive. The biennial Summit offers essential learning opportunities relevant to staff in a variety of nonprofit, civic, foundation, volunteer engagement, government and national service roles, including but not limited to Board Members, Executive Directors, Program Directors, Resource Development staff, and AmeriCorps members.

The Iowa Council of Foundations is partnering with the Summit to sponsor the closing plenary session on October 7, Purpose-Drive Board Leadership with guest speaker Anne Wallestad, CEO of BoardSource. *(Host foundations and those who are dues-paying members of the ICoF should note that our sponsored session and*

[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 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](#).*

Providing leadership in a community comes in many forms for a community foundation. Often times it comes in the form of collaborating with local leaders on a project of importance to the community. This was the case for the **Fort Dodge Community Foundation** when the community wanted to bring a very important pig to town.

Many Iowans, or more specifically, many Iowa Hawkeye fans are familiar with the Floyd of Rosedale trophy that is up for grabs each year during the Iowa vs. Minnesota football game. But the history and origins of that trophy connect to Fort Dodge and the Rosedale Farm that was located right outside of town. A group of community members led by a city councilman wanted to make that history a centerpiece of the community by raising funds to install a sculpture in honor of Floyd

"When the Fort Dodge Community Foundation was asked to help with the fundraising effort for this project we enthusiastically said YES!" says Randy Kuhlman, CEO, Fort Dodge Community Foundation. "Our community is replete with examples of how we work together and invest in our community to make it a special place to live. The Floyd of Rosedale project is another wonderful example of a successful community partnership."

To learn more about this community collaboration, the role of the community foundation and the history of the Floyd of Rosedale trophy and its significance to Fort Dodge, click [here](#).

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## Community Foundations in the News

[The Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine is working with the Homes for Iowa program to address the housing shortage in their community.](#)

[The Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation recently hosted a community event to create an open dialogue about gun violence in the city.](#)

[The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque will assist the community of Cambridge with the implementation of the Heart & Soul Community Seed Grant they recently received.](#)

[A Leadership Grant awarded by the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines will assist the first-of-its-kind Polk County Prescription Food Program.](#)

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## Articles & Items of Interest

**The Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine hosts Dr. Jim Yong Kim**  
Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 8 and the featured speaker for this event is Dr. Jim Yong Kim, who grew up in Muscatine, and was named the President of the World Bank. Dr. Kim has devoted his life to changing global development, health, and education policies to shift people's sense of what is possible. He earned his B.A. in Human Biology from Brown University and his Ph.D. in anthropology and M.D. from Harvard. It was there

## CareSource Foundation Grant Challenge Expands into Iowa

Over the last year, the CareSource Foundation has expanded its reach from its headquarters in Dayton, Ohio, to organizations across the nation, working with philanthropy partners and nonprofits to inspire innovation on reducing health disparities and addressing health equity. They have officially launched their inaugural CareSource Foundation Grant Challenge in Iowa to recognize organizations and programs that are making significant impacts in our communities' toughest health issues. Grand prize is \$50,000. Nominations due September 10. [Learn more about this grant challenge here.](#)

## Career Center Postings

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

## Washington Snapshot

There is no Washington Snapshot available while Congress is currently on recess. The newsletter will resume at the end of the Congressional break.

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