

MARCH NEWSLETTER

A Message from the Iowa Women's Foundation

2017 is off to a busy start for the Iowa Women's Foundation. So far we've welcomed [new board members](#), presented checks to our [2017 Grant Partners](#), and held a special event to celebrate the importance of effective mentoring.

Read more about what we've been up to, and what's coming up below.

Now Accepting 2018 Grant Applications

IWF is accepting applications for our 2018 Grant Partners from now until May 31 and will host special information sessions for interested nonprofits in Iowa City, Davenport, Des Moines, and Waterloo. More information can be found on our blog [here](#).



"Guests from the University of Iowa Women in Business attend Women Shoot High."

Women Shoot High

IWF partnered with the University of Iowa Women in Business and the Hawkeye Women's Basketball team to host Women Shoot High, an event paying tribute to the importance of effective mentoring. During this special reception, attendees had the chance to network, win door prizes, and hear from Lisa Bluder, head coach of the Iowa Women's Basketball team. See more photos from the event [at our](#)

Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month and IWF is celebrating all month long with tributes to some of our favorite history makers on our Facebook page. [Like our page](#) and join the conversation-we'd love to hear about the women who inspire you!

Iowa Women's Foundation Announces New Circles of Giving

In 2013, the Iowa Women's Foundation announced its Circles of Giving program. This program is a unique and important philanthropic network of individuals who support the work of the IWF. Today, 178 individuals have pledged a total of \$95,000 a year to improve the lives of Iowa's women and girls with the Iowa Women's Foundation. Half of each pledge goes to support our annual grantmaking and the other half to our general operations. Now, we are excited to share with you the new and refreshed Circles of Giving program. We have new circles with different giving levels and fun, unique benefits. See the details below:

Leadership Circle: \$100 - \$499 (three-year commitment)

- Reception with IWF Leadership annually
- Invitation to reception with luncheon speaker
- Consideration for participation on a community review panel
- Opportunity to volunteer for IWF
- Recognition on the Iowa Women's Foundation website
- Special recognition at all Iowa Women's Foundation events

Directors Circle: \$500 - \$2,499 (three-year commitment)

- Items list for Leadership, plus
- Invitation to check presentation with grantee partners
- Special acknowledgement on luncheon table

Presidents Circle: \$2,500 + (three-year commitment)

- Items listed for Leadership and Directors, plus
- Meet one on one with one of the year's grant recipients
- Preferred seating at luncheon

We could not do the work we do without our Circle donors. [Click here](#) for the complete list.

There is strength in numbers. Together, we can grow IWF's statewide impact, resources and capacity enabling us to improve the lives of ALL of Iowa's women and girls! Please join this extraordinary group and [become a Circle donor today](#).

Looking Forward - Upcoming Events



Ovation is Back

It's that time again! We're back with IWF's signature publication, *Ovation: A Tribute to Iowa Women and Girls*.

Every year, *Ovation* provides a fun and unique opportunity to celebrate a woman or girl in your life through personalized "tributes." These tributes can be sponsored by friends, colleagues, family members, community members, or anyone who would like to thank a woman or girl who has made an impact in their lives.

Through these tributes, we call attention to the incredible and deeply important ways these women affect their friends, families, communities and professions. *Ovation* also serves as a critical part of IWF's operating funds and enables us to accomplish our mission of improving the lives of Iowa's women and girls.

The 2017 unveiling ceremonies will take place early May in Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Des Moines and Waterloo. [Click here](#) to learn how you can pay tribute to a special woman in your life and help IWF continue making an impact on our state.



Run Like A Mother

[Run Like a Mother](#), one of the largest annual road races in the Cedar Valley, is an important source of funds for the Iowa Women's Foundation. Run Like a Mother is one of two annual fundraising events organized by Chicks for Change. Founded over a decade ago by residents of the Cedar Valley who were passionate about the work of the Iowa Women's Foundation, the group has raised over \$150,000 for the IWF.



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