

IOWA WOMEN'S FOUNDATION

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Ovation: A Tribute to Iowa Women and Girls

The Iowa Women's Foundation unveiled the 5th edition of *Ovation: A Tribute to Iowa Women and Girls* at celebrations in Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Fort Dodge, and Cedar Falls.

The book features 97 tributes to amazing women of all ages across Iowa. These women are wonderful examples of mentors, advocates, and role models who have made a difference in the lives of their families, friends, and communities. They are a strong, thoughtful, driven, tireless, and generous group who lead by example, inspiring and empowering the women around them to be the best they can be.

Congratulations to each of the 2018 honorees!



A few of our honorees from Ft. Dodge. See more photos from the Ovation unveilings on our Facebook page. (<https://www.facebook.com/iowaWomensFoundation>)

Building Community Child Care Solutions Tour

During the 2015 and 2016 SHE Matters tours, IWF brought community stakeholders across Iowa to the table to discuss the barriers preventing women from achieving economic self-sufficiency. From those meetings, six major barriers were identified, and child care was ranked as the number one priority in 50% of the communities visited.

Now, the Building Community Child Care Solutions tour is picking up where SHE Matters left off. We're bringing business owners, community leaders, parents, and child care providers together to create solutions for accessible, affordable child care for local families.

IWF will be visiting at least twelve communities throughout the spring and summer of 2018, bringing leaders together to brainstorm, discuss, and identify possible solutions to the child care barrier with a tool kit of ideas to start the discussion. Individuals will work together in teams to talk about options, share ideas, and commit to working on a solution that best fits their community.

To date, four visits have already been made, creating enthusiasm and energy for local participants to take action. Read our blog [here](#) to see the tour schedule and learn more about the Building Community Child Care Solutions tour.



Outstanding Community Partner Award

The [Women in Business](#) at the University of Iowa Tippie College of Business presented the Iowa Women's Foundation with an Outstanding Community Partner award at their annual networking breakfast on Friday, May 4.

This award is given to a department, organization, or agency, either on-campus or off-campus, that assists in the success of the student organization. WIB was one of more than 500 on-campus organizations that were eligible to apply on behalf of a community partner.

IWF and WIB have supported each other throughout the year with mentoring programs, fundraising events, and networking opportunities. IWF is honored to receive this award!



Executive Director Dawn Oliver Wiand accepts the award on behalf of IWF.

Get Ready for the 2018 Annual Awards Luncheon

We have officially selected our keynote speaker for the 2018 Annual Awards Luncheon! Can you guess who she is?

- She's a native Iowan from a small rural community.
- She's worked in journalism and radio covering economic policy -- including as it relates to child care -- and how it affects women and girls.
- She works in Washington, D.C.
- She shares something in common with a past Luncheon Keynote.

Watch for the announcement on our [Facebook page](#) next week to see if your guess is correct!



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The Iowa Women's Foundation is committed to improving the lives of Iowa's women and girls through a diversified mix of funding and action: research, grantmaking, advocacy, education, and collaboration. To achieve its goals and make the most significant impact, IWF brings together and invests in organizations across Iowa that make women and girls more successful. IWF is the only statewide organization working to enhance and improve women's economic self-sufficiency.

For more information, please visit our web site at www.iawf.org.

