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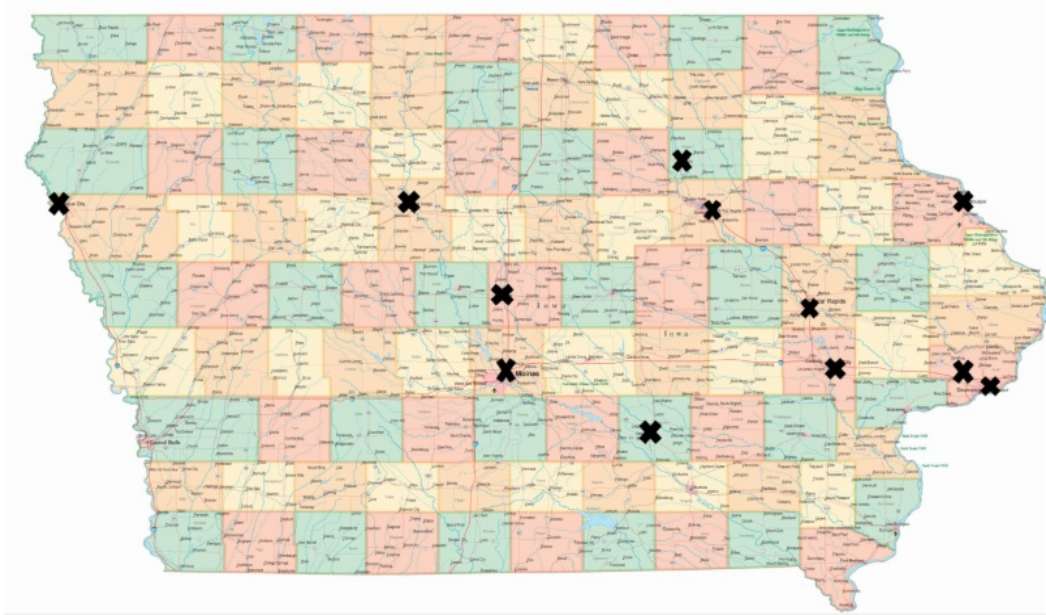


2015: A Year in Review for the IWF

During this season of giving and thanks, we look back with gratitude and appreciation to all of those who supported the work of the Iowa Women's Foundation. Because of you, 2015 was a record year for IWF!

Grants

This year we are thrilled to award 16 grants totaling almost \$90,000 to rural and urban communities from Sioux City to Osceola, Des Moines to Dubuque, Fort Dodge to Iowa City. Your generous contributions will reach women and girls across Iowa providing safe housing to survivors of domestic violence and mentorship for women leaving state correctional systems. They will help train aspiring women farmers in entrepreneurship and business planning. The 16 grantee program locations are marked by a black X below.



They will foster a passion for STEM and awareness of STEM careers in underserved middle and high school girls. They will provide vehicles to single mothers, enabling them to drive to work, run errands, and safely transport their children. They will continue to fund a child care training program that has already put 90 refugees to work.

For more information about our 2016 grantee partners, please view them [here!](#)

Prosperity Together in Washington D.C.!



On November 13, 2015, at The White House, the IWF announced its membership in *Prosperity Together*, a nonpartisan partnership of public U.S. women's foundations dedicated to improving the economic security of low-income women and their families in America.

The IWF, and other *Prosperity Together* members announced a five-year, \$100 million funding commitment to invest in programs and strategies that will create pathways to economic security for low-income women in America. *Prosperity*

Together demonstrates the critical role and power of women's foundations to drive this work in communities, state by state, across the country.



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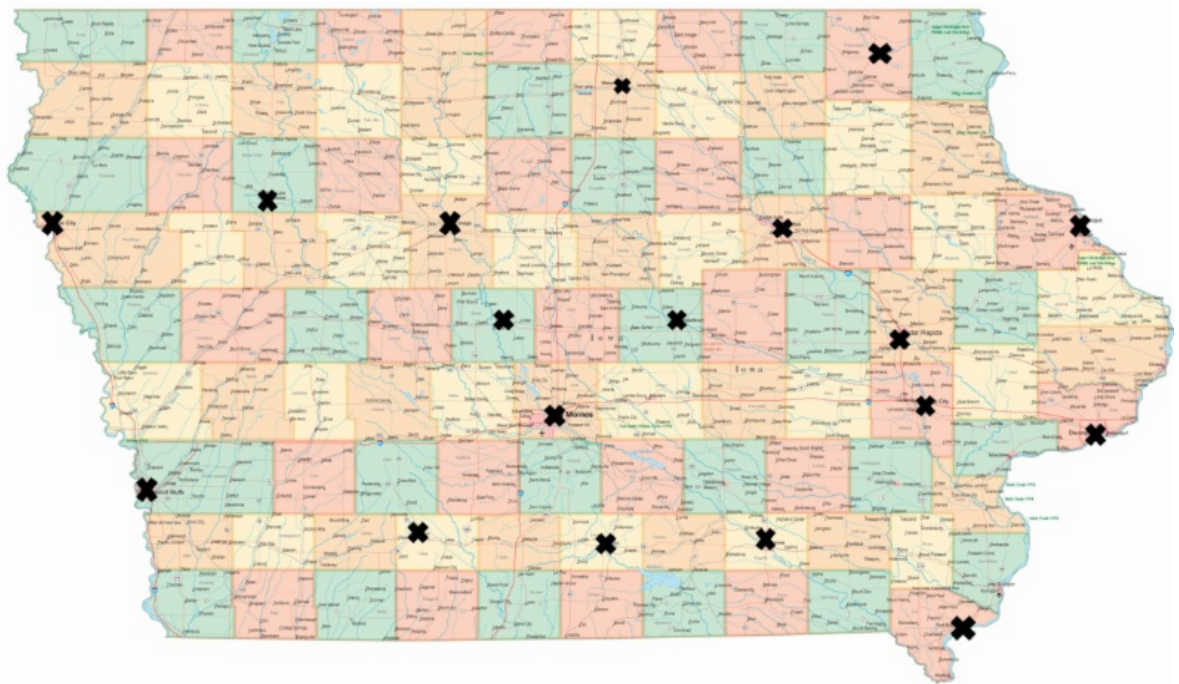
The Iowa Women's Foundation was honored to have so many wonderful companies and organizations supporting our mission through sponsorship in 2015. By sponsoring the IWF, companies can increase visibility, drive an open internal culture, and provide a reward for outstanding female employees, all while showing corporate priority to support Iowa's women and girls.

To view our 2015 sponsors please view them on our website [here](#).

SHE Matters

"We Listen, and Iowa Wins"

In an effort to help Iowa's women and girls reach economic self-sufficiency, IWF hit the state highways and byways May through August for their *SHE MATTERS: We Listen and Iowa Wins Tour*. The IWF leadership traveled over 4,800 miles to 18 Iowa communities. These communities are marked by a black X below.



Thirty-seven local partners from community nonprofits, educational institutions and businesses collaborated with the Iowa Women's Foundation bringing to the discussion 266 community leaders recognized for their work with women and girls.

The goals of the IWF *SHE MATTERS Tour* were to learn firsthand the most pressing challenges affecting economic self-sufficiency for women (and children) in each community, as well as what initiatives are in place to advance success for women and girls and about the gaps that exist. Community leaders also made recommendations for specific areas or issues where the IWF could invest to help women and girls achieve economic success.



The data will culminate in a report to be released in early 2016. This report will share the voices and recommendations of the community leaders who participated in the tour stops. The data will represent participants' perceptions of the challenges that Iowa women and girls face and what changes are needed to improve their lives economically. The Foundation will use the report to guide its priorities and strategies moving forward. The report will also be shared with community, business and government leaders around the state to inform and drive action towards statewide economic self-sufficiency for women.

Chicks For Change

Chicks for Change is an IWF donor circle based in the Cedar Valley. It was founded over a decade ago by residents of the area who were passionate about the work of the Iowa Women's Foundation. The group has raised over \$150,000 for the IWF.

The group hosts two annual events to fundraise for the Iowa Women's Foundation.

Run Like a Mother, one of the largest road races in Cedar Valley, invites all to participate in a 5k. The event attracts over 500 runners who all raise money for the Iowa Women's Foundation. The run took place Saturday, May 9, this past year in Cedar Falls.



Executive Director of the IWF.

Dine and Unwind took place Thursday, December 10 in Cedar Falls. Dine and Unwind provides an evening of fine food, conversation, and fundraising for the Iowa Women's Foundation. Attendees enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, fine wine and friends at Montage in downtown Cedar Falls. The evening concluded with remarks by the evening's co-hosts and the

The Iowa Women's Foundation wishes you a joyous and relaxing holiday season! Our volunteers, donors, advocates, and staff help the IWF to pursue our mission every day. Without the support of so many fabulous individuals and companies, we couldn't begin to empower the many women and girls in Iowa to find their voice and become strong women. Thank you for your kind support this year!



Thank You *for your* Generosity

The more we raise, the more we can give back. THANK YOU for improving the lives of Iowa's women and girls with the Iowa Women's Foundation. If you are interested in contributing to the Iowa Women's Foundation, please

[donate here!](#)

**May 2016 be a year filled with joy, good health
and great expectations for all!**

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