The Countdown Has Begun: Just Two More Months Until the Annual Luncheon!

October 3 will be here before you know it. If you haven't purchased your tickets or tables for the 2019 Annual Fundraising Luncheon, get them while they last!

This year we’re thrilled to have award-winning filmmaker and educator Dr. Angela Sadler Williamson deliver the keynote address. We'll also hear from Mikhayla Hughes-Shaw (Miss Iowa 2018), who will share her experience as Senior Assistant Editor for Love Girls Magazine, a 2019 Grantee Partner based in the Quad Cities.

Don't miss out on celebrating our 25th anniversary, a HUGE milestone for our organization. We're this close to meeting our $1 million grantmaking goal. Attend the luncheon and help us hit another milestone during this special anniversary event.

Get Individual Tickets

Host a Table

Become a Luncheon Sponsor

2019 CCCSF Grant Partner Update

IWF created the Community Child Care Solutions Fund (CCCSF) to help increase the availability and affordability of quality child care in Iowa. Linking Families and Communities in Fort Dodge, our first CCCSF recipient, used their funding to secure architectural drawings for a new child care center in their community.
Here's what this year's CCCSF recipients are up to:

- **Ready Set Grow** in Storm Lake is renovating an existing wing of a retirement facility that will provide the community with 50 much needed child care slots. While there are a number of great in-home centers in Storm Lake, there aren't nearly enough to meet the city's needs. The new center will not only help fill this gap, it will also provide employment for local residents. After a few weather-related delays, construction is back on track and the facility is looking forward to opening before the end of the year.

![Construction Site](image)

Outside work continues connecting the retirement home and child care center.

- **Davis County Daycare and Preschool** in Bloomfield upgraded its programming and age-appropriate learning tools to add child care slots to its current facility. Their preschool and kindergarten programs focus on socialization, learning through play, and school readiness using the Creative Curriculum Program, a researched-based curriculum supported by the Department of Education. Read more about the program [here](#).

The Iowa Women’s Foundation is working with 29 communities across the state to provide unique solutions to the child care crisis. Applicants are being reviewed for 2020 funding, and recipients will be announced in November. Keep an eye out for the announcement on our [Facebook](#) page.

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**Change A Life – Become a Mentor**
Are you a professional businesswoman looking for a chance to "pay it forward"? Become a mentor and help a young women like you build a promising career.

The **Women in Business** chapter at the University of Iowa Tippie College of Business is looking for mentors to support, advise, and inspire their student members. To be paired with a student for the 2019-2020 academic year, please contact Britany Mathison at britany-mathison@uiowa.edu by August 23.

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**Smile! You're Making a Difference.**

Did you know you can support IWF at no cost to you when you shop on Amazon? AmazonSmile makes it easy to support nonprofits by donating a portion of eligible purchases to the charity of your choice. Here's how it works:

1. Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and sign into your Amazon account.
2. When prompted, opt to pick your own charitable organization. Type "Iowa Women's Foundation" into the search bar provided, click "select" once you see our listing, and you're ready to start shopping.
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That's it! *Easy, right?* Sign up today and smile knowing you are providing opportunities for women and girls in Iowa.

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**Get In On Our $25 for 25 Campaign**
Since our founding in 1994, IWF has awarded more than $870,000 in grants to more than 200 projects benefiting women and girls in all of Iowa’s 99 counties.

We are so close to hitting the $1 million mark! Wouldn’t it be fantastic to hit this milestone during our 25th anniversary year?

Help us reach this ambitious, but totally achievable goal by pledging $25 or more and give us something extra to celebrate at this year’s Annual Luncheon.

Make a Donation