



MARCH NEWSLETTER

Child Care System Bracing for Uncertainty

The need for child care in our country has never been more urgent. From medical professionals to grocery store employees, people who have essential roles need child care and we will continue fighting for child care as we always have, only this time from afar.

Here's how you can help:

- Look for stories on [our Facebook page](#) about workers on the frontline who are struggling to find safe and reliable child care. Share them far and wide. Write your own. And keep your eyes and ears open.
- Stay informed about the state of child care in Iowa during the coronavirus pandemic on the [Child Care Resource & Referral website](#).
- Contact your senator and implore them to consider America's nonprofits and charitable institutions in their next stimulus package. See the Iowa Council of Foundations recommendations [here](#).
 - [Contact Senator Joni Ernst](#)
 - [Contact Senator Chuck Grassley](#)
- Finally, keep IWF and our Grant Partners in your thoughts, and please [make a donation](#) to ensure we can continue giving life-changing grants to local organizations fighting for women and girls.

2020-2021 Grant Applications Now Being Accepted



CHILDCARE



EDUCATION/TRAINING



EMPLOYMENT



HOUSING



MENTORS



TRANSPORTATION

Grant applications are currently being accepted for the 2021 grant year. All applications must be submitted on or before April 30, 2020 to be considered. Eligibility, guidelines, and the application can be found on the IWF website at under [Core Grants](#). A video of [the Grant Information Session](#) can be found on our website.

OVATION: A Tribute to Iowa Women and Girls



OVATION



With the current state of affairs due to COVID-19, [Ovation submissions](#) have been pushed back to April 24th. Your support of this signature publication is more important than ever. The funding is critical to the mission of the Iowa Women's Foundation – *improving the lives of Iowa's women and girls*. The work of the Foundation relies on your support. Honor that woman or girl who is making an impact and provide an opportunity for others to follow in her footsteps. We will celebrate these fabulous women early summer. More details to follow regarding Ovation Unveilings.

Calling All Community Review Panelists

At the heart of IWF's work is Grantmaking. Since the first grants were awarded in 1995, over \$1,000,000 has benefitted thousands of women and girls in all 99 counties of Iowa. This summer we will be reviewing Core Grant applications for 2021. Community Review Panelists (CRP's) are needed to help us with this important work. Interested in being a part of a panel? Please complete a [CRP application form](#) and return to Ann at ann@iawf.org as soon as possible.

CRP's will be responsible for reviewing a select number of grants before meeting with a small group to discuss and rank applications for the grants committee to make recommendations to the board for approval. All CRP's will need to attend an orientation meeting late June. Small groups will meet to discuss their assigned applications once this summer. These meetings will be approximately 2 hours in length, and will be scheduled throughout July and early August. CRP's may attend both the orientation and group meeting via electronic conferencing. Please submit a completed CRP application by Friday, May 1.

19th Amendment Centennial



Thanks to Liz Crooks, director of [UI Pentacrest Museums](#), and Cindy Opitz, director of [research collections](#), and their staff for the [fabulous exhibit](#) that has been created honoring the passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote 100 years ago. Congress passed the amendment on June 4, 1919, and the bill was ratified on August 18, 1920 making it illegal to deny the vote based on a person's sex. Iowa was the tenth state to ratify the amendment on July 2, 1919. Shereena Honary is the lead exhibit curator and oversaw the project that is currently on display at the Old Capitol Museum in Iowa City. We encourage you to plan a visit to view the exhibit created by Bailey Adolph, research assistant, and Jessica Smith, exhibit graphic designer and communications coordinator. The exhibit will be on display through December 2020.

[19th Amendment Centennial Commemoration Committee](#) is the statewide group planning and hosting activities and events celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment. Check [their website](#) for events happening near you.

