



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

2020 Virtual Luncheon – P.O.W.E.R.

Thank you to our sponsors, Power Hosts and guests for attending the Annual Luncheon event! Despite not gathering at the Coralville Marriott, we were pleased to have so many tune in virtually—over 600 guests viewed the pre-recorded program.

This year we heard from five keynote speakers—Yessica Richardson, Jennifer Sherer, Akwi Nji, Lyz Lenz, and Justice Dana Oxley. Their stories of POWER were motivating, and their strength, passion and drive to accomplish that which sometimes seems out of reach, was inspiring. As Justice Oxley noted, “Power is within our control.” Yes it is! Great things happen when we come together to improve the lives of Iowa’s women and girls.

2021 Core Grant recipients were announced during the luncheon. Programs receiving a Core Grant are:

- Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Iowa, Des Moines
- Boys and Girls Clubs of the Midlands, Council Bluffs/Carter Lake
- Catherine McAuley Center, Cedar Rapids (*This grant was awarded with support from the Helen Frye Memorial Fund*)
- Crittenton Center, Sioux City
- Grin & Grow Child Care Ltd., Waterloo
- Hawkeye Community College Foundation, Waterloo
- Horizons, A Family Service Alliance, Cedar Rapids
- LeadHer, Davenport
- Lutheran Services in Iowa, Des Moines
- St. Mark Youth Enrichment, Dubuque
- UI Labor Center, Iowa City
- United Way of the Quad Cities
- Women Food & Agriculture Network, Ames



Thanks to the many supporters who allowed us to award \$100,000 for THE 2021 Core Grant programs, raising our grand total to over \$1.1 million since the first grants were awarded in 1997. Our deepest gratitude to our [sponsors](#), and in particular Lois James and Jeremy James of [James Investment Group](#), this year's Luncheon Match Sponsors. Luncheon donations totaled over \$25,000 with the \$10,000 match and will provide the critical support for grant awards.

Applications for 2022 grants will be available on the IWF website February 2021, and must be submitted on or before April 30, 2021.

[Watch 2020 Luncheon](#)

Giving = POWER

The Annual Luncheon is a critical part of our fundraising efforts—but this is only one piece of the pie. Year-end donations are essential to the work IWF does to improve the lives of Iowa's women and girls. Your gift gives us the power to continue to research, educate, advocate, collaborate and, most importantly, award grants to shatter the barriers to women's economic self-sufficiency.

YOU are the source of our power. Your tax-deductible donation (learn about CARES Act incentives for taxpayers [here](#)), supports the work of the Foundation and provides opportunities for women and girls to find their power. Please make a year-end donation to the Iowa Women's Foundation and help us show the world what our collective power can do!

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Iowa Employer Innovation Fund Grant



JOIN US TODAY!

IWF has been awarded a grant of \$83,050 from the Iowa Employer Innovation Fund through Future Ready Iowa! We're partnering with Iowa Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) to recruit, train, retain, and support quality child care and early education providers across Iowa. This grant will offer training and equipment to help child care providers start in-home businesses and become registered in the state of Iowa.

This program will give individuals the opportunity to complete the Child Care Ready Series by eliminating some of the barriers associated with starting a child care business. The series includes sessions on required documentation for registration, required professional development, health and safety basics, and an overview of business basics. All sessions will be provided by CCR&R and there will be no cost to participate thanks to the grant provisions.

This program will increase the number of child care slots available for working families in early 2021, and provide professional careers for individuals throughout the state.

Do you know of someone that is interested in the child care field? Please share this opportunity! For more details or to register, contact [CCR&R](#). Space is filling quickly. Sign up today!

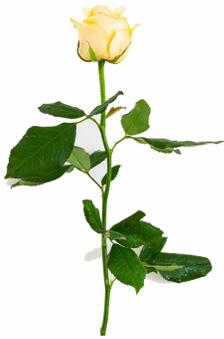
Coffee with Dawn

Has it been awhile since you've had coffee with Dawn? Join us for a new bi-monthly series, "Coffee with Dawn." Get comfy on your couch and join us as Dawn shares current updates on the Foundation, guest speakers weigh in on current events, and we all stay connected over a cup of coffee! Watch for an invitation to join us on December 10th at 8:30am to kick off this

new series, which will start in earnest January 2021.



Ovation 2021



Who would you like to honor in the Foundation's signature publication, **Ovation: A Tribute to Iowa Women and Girls**? The 8th edition is in the works! Who inspires you? Who should be recognized for the impact they have on their families, friends, colleagues, and communities? Commitments made and tributes paid in full by January 29th can take advantage of a 10% allowance. Check out the IWF [website](#) for more details!

3rd Session Advocacy Powered by IWF

Public policy is a powerful tool for change. IWF believes public policy and advocacy work play key roles in alleviating the barriers to economic success for Iowa's women and girls. IWF is proud to announce the establishment of a new group, the 3rd Session Advocacy. This name comes from the fact that Iowa's first session of the General Assembly is not more than 110 days. The second session is not more than 100 days. And the third session is all year, every year, and spans state and federal legislative bodies. This nonpartisan group will work in local communities and at the state and national levels to increase awareness and initiate legislative action that will lead to economic security for ALL of Iowa's women and girls.



Join the 3rd Session Advocacy today and be a voice for IWF and the women and girls of Iowa. Together, we will monitor legislation, educate and inform our local, state and national elected officials on issues essential to our work, and host advocacy events. Email ann@iawf.org and let us know you want to be a 3rd Session Advocacy member.

