



# MARCH NEWSLETTER

## Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month and International Women's Day is celebrated throughout the world on March 8<sup>th</sup>. This specific day and month honors the achievements and contributions of women as they continue to break through science, education, politics, engineering, athletics, medical fields, the arts and many other fields that have been typically dominated by men. Thank you to the women and girls who have had the tenacity and strength to pursue their passions and mentor others to follow in their footsteps. Take a moment and thank those women who have encouraged you to follow your dreams, and share your knowledge with others so they can reach their goals and continue to break through the barriers.



### Current Happenings

- **Advocacy** continues at the national, state and local levels for child care. We are happy to announce that the Iowa Legislature is currently reviewing a number of bills that will benefit Iowa families and businesses. More details can be found on the IWF website: <https://iawf.org/advocacy/>
- **Ovation** – the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of **Ovation: A Tribute to Iowa Women and Girls** is in the works! Photos, text and donations are now being accepted for this major fundraiser. Honor a woman or girl in your life and provide an opportunity for others to follow in her footsteps! For complete details: <https://iawf.org/whats-happening/events/ovation/> Deadline to submit materials is March 26.
- **CORE Grants** - Applications for Core Grants are currently being accepted for programs in the 2022 calendar year. To apply for a Core Grant, follow the steps outlined on the IWF website: <https://iawf.org/core-grants/>

An information session for Core Grants will be held on Thursday, **March 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am**. To RSVP for this session, email [grants@iawf.org](mailto:grants@iawf.org) and include "Grants Information Session" in the subject line. A link will be sent to you upon your RSVP.

If you would like to request a volunteer mentor to help you develop your proposal, please email [grants@iawf.org](mailto:grants@iawf.org) and include "**Mentor Inquiry**" in the subject line no later than **March 4, 2021**.



## Tippie College of Business - Women In Business March Fundraiser

In appreciation of Women's History Month, The University of Iowa Women in Business (WIB) student group is hosting a fundraiser the week of March 7<sup>th</sup> to thank the women who have played a role in each of these young women's lives. Mothers, sisters, aunts, grandmothers, friends, mentors, teachers, coaches, neighbors, supervisors and so many more who have guided them in their journey to reach their goals and dream big. If you would like to support the WIB fundraiser with a contribution, donations can be mailed to the IWF office, or made online: <https://iawf.org/donate-now/> noting "WIB Fundraiser".

Circles of Giving is a network of dedicated donors who commit to a three-year pledge to provide ongoing support to IWF. Pledges provide the funding to award



grants, conduct research, and educate and advocate at local, state, and federal levels for Iowa's women and girls. There is power in our collective numbers. Together we can grow IWF's statewide impact, resources, and capacity.

If you are new to the Foundation, you may start your pledge at a minimum of \$100 a year for three years. The next level is for our seasoned donors. At \$250 or more per year, you are continuing to make a difference in the lives of Iowa's women and girls. If you have already pledged your support for three years, or are reaching your renewal date, please consider increasing your pledge by 10%.

Your donation is priceless, and we are truly grateful for your support!

To learn more about Circles of Giving and join this amazing network of donors, click on this link:

<https://iawf.org/circles-of-giving/>

IWF has established the 18% Fund to specifically provide an opportunity for men to support the work of the Foundation furthering gender equity for all women in Iowa. 18% is the national percentage in the wage gap between men and women in the United States. In Iowa, it is closer to 22%. By pledging \$250 a year for three years, your pledge will help expand critical programs necessary for women and girls to succeed. Join today and reinforce IWF's impact across the state! <https://iawf.org/your-support/donate/>



Mark your calendars and join IWF for the virtual **Coffee With Dawn** series on the first Tuesday of each month! These 30 minute informal sessions will feature guest speakers sharing inspiring stories over a cup of your favorite morning beverage.

Click on Dawn's coffee cup in the image to the right for the zoom link to join us at 8:30 am - April 6, May 4, June 1, and July 6. Join as you are able, stay as long as you like!