



IOWA WOMEN'S  
FOUNDATION

# MAY NEWSLETTER



## National Child Care Provider Day!

A big shout out to all of the Child Care Providers throughout the state! May 7<sup>th</sup> has been designated as your day, however, you deserve a full month of gratitude! **THANK YOU!!**

Throughout the month of May, the IWF is recognizing all that child care providers do for children, families, and businesses each and every day of the year! These essential workers provide safe and healthy environments with learning opportunities for our youngest lowans. Take a moment this month and say thank you to the child care providers in your community!

## May 8<sup>th</sup> – Run Like A Mother

The Annual Run is back at Big Woods Lake, Cedar Falls, Iowa!

Come join the fun, get a good run in, and support the Iowa Women's Foundation! Staggered runs at 8:00 am, 9:30 am. And 11:00 am. Regular Registration - \$30 through race day.



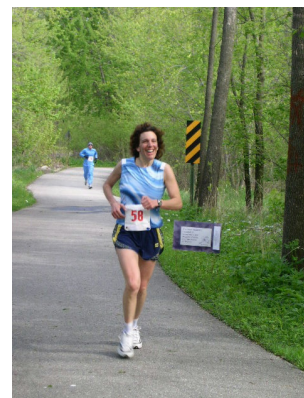
Registration Link: [https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get\\_information.php?event\\_id=135339](https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=135339)

Not able to attend? Consider a general donation to IWF! <https://iawf.org/donate-now/>

*The first Run Like A Mother (RLAM) was held in 2003, hosted by the Cedar Valley Chicks for Change. Organizers were runners, thus the run, however, they agreed that this should be more than just a runner's event. Many walked the 4-mile course enjoying a great day of physical activity with family and friends.*

*The run has always been held on Mother's Day weekend. RLAM became a tradition for many participants and their families as they gathered together to celebrate their mothers, being active together and the commitment to raising money for women and girls in Iowa.*

*The University of Northern Iowa Women in Business student group has hosted the event the last 3 years. In 2020, due to COVID-19, the event was strictly virtual, allowing for participants all across the state to join in. IWF is proud to partner with the UNI WIB!*



**Advocacy** – Thank you to the many state and federal legislators, advocates and volunteers who have made child care a priority this past



year. Along with local community efforts, and the support of legislative action, the Governor’s Task Force is developing a comprehensive strategy to address the child care shortage and the barrier to work in Iowa. Executive Order Number Eight states that “a strong Iowa economy relies on a strong child care system for working parents” and “child care is the backbone of our workforce and serves as an early learning platform for our children”.

Child care slots have increased by over 3,000 this past year. That is success! We’re on the right path and moving forward to provide opportunities for women, families, businesses and communities to

continue to thrive and grow. But there is still so much more to do.

Join the IWF’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Session Advocacy team. Convene a local group to address this issue through the IWF’s Building Community Child Care Solutions. Donate to the Child Care Solutions fund: <https://iawf.org/child-care-solutions-fund-donation/> . Investments of time, knowledge and finances provide focus to increase women’s economic security by decreasing the workforce gap through access to quality, affordable child care.



### OVATION: A Tribute to Iowa Women and Girls

Mark your calendars as we honor more than 100 women throughout the state for the impact that have had on their families, friends, colleagues, and communities! You won’t want to miss this special event! Each Unveiling will begin at 5:30 p.m. A link to attend will be available closer to the event dates.

- Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – Iowa City Area
- Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> – Cedar Rapids Area
- Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> – Des Moines Area
- Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> – Cedar Valley

**Micro Grants: Unexpected. Urgent. Extra-Ordinary Needs.** New for 2021, these are small one-time-only cash awards given to non-profits, and other community organizations for immediate emergency needs. To learn more and download an application: <https://iawf.org/micro-grants/>

## Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars

- **May 4<sup>th</sup> - Coffee With Dawn** - Join us to learn more about the Iowa Women’s Foundation over casual zoom conversations and coffee! Each month we will have special guests and grantee partners to share specifics about their programs and how we are working together to shatter the barriers to women’s economic self-sufficiency. Mark your calendars for the first Tuesday of each month at 8:30 am. See you soon!
- **June** – watch for details regarding Letters of Interest for Community Child Care Solutions Fund Grants. All applications must increase the number of child care slots. Awards will be made for 2022 projects.
- **Calling all Community Review Panelists** – interested in reviewing Grant Applications this summer? CRP’s will be selected in May for a two hour group review at the time of your choice in July/August. Please complete this [application form](#) and return to [grants@iawf.org](mailto:grants@iawf.org) with "CRP Application" noted in the subject line to be considered for a panelist position.



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