



Iowa Shares

Connecting People Who Care Strengthening Communities

October 2019

Please Pledge for 2020!!

Fall has returned, with cooler temperatures and hints of the vivid colors to come. And fall marks the start of Iowa Shares' major fundraising campaign. Our member organizations thank you for your previous donations and ask you to consider pledging again for 2020.

Pledging through workplace payroll deduction is easy. Thirty public and private workplaces across the state are participating in this year's fall campaign. If you are employed at an Iowa Shares workplace, you may specify whether you wish to support one or more specific member organizations and/or the entire Iowa Shares network and how much you wish to donate each pay period. You only sign up once each year, and your workplace sends your pledged amount to Iowa Shares. A list of participating workplaces appears on page __. Please know that even small monthly donations provide meaningful support to our members.

If you are not employed at a participating workplace, you can still pledge an ongoing contribution online. Simply visit our iPledge page at the following link: https://www.ipledgeonline.org/_iowasharesonline/.

Your monthly donation will automatically be charged to your credit card each month during 2020.

Alternatively, you may send a check made out to Iowa Shares to our office at 20 E Market St, Iowa City, IA 52245. Please remember to let us know if you wish to designate one or more specific member organizations as the recipient of your gift.

Many people make an annual charitable donation at the end of each year. Some donate as a holiday gift. Some donate to honor a friend or family member. Others wish to provide a non-profit with funds that can help it kick off its service efforts in the upcoming year. No matter the reason, end-of-year giving will help our organizations move forward in 2020.

You, our donors, are the foundation of our efforts to strengthen civil and human rights, the environment, the well-being of workers, children and animals, and the literacy of our residents. We hope you enjoy reading about the many contributions our member organizations make to their communities.

You Can Help Humans Care For Their Pets

Animals bring specialness to the lives of their human companions, but sometimes humans need help caring for them. As an Associate Member of Iowa Shares, Johnson County Humane Society receives designated donations that allow those human companions to take better care of the cherished "fur babies" in their homes. With the help of Iowa Shares donors, JCHS pays for spaying/neutering of over 400 cats and dogs a year, along with vaccinating those same animals. We can also fund urgent care requests, including badly-needed cat/dog dentals, extra medications, and surgical needs. Along with funding veterinary care, donors' dollars help us transport tons of dog and

cat food into the community to distribute to area food pantries and directly to those in need. JCHS has also been able to use donations to become more active in the Trap-Neuter-Return community cat movement, buying much-needed equipment to facilitate the endeavor. As an all-volunteer organization, our administrative costs are very low, which allows us to spend more of every Iowa Shares designated donation to JCHS on helping animals in our community.

JCHS and community cat "Garrick" thank you!

Amy McBeth

Becoming a U.S. Citizen

Sponsored by the ESL Mentors and Mentees Program

Friday, Oct. 18

10 a.m. to noon
Sustainable Technologies
Building, Room 114

FREE!

**Learn more about
the U.S. citizenship
process.**



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A Conversation with Presidential Candidates:
The U.S. Role in Our Interdependent World

Saturday, November 16, 2019 2:00-4:30 PM
Old Brick, 20 East Market St, Iowa City, IA



Today's critical threats transcend the borders of individual nations requiring leadership on a global stage.

What role will the next president play in response?

For more details and a free ticket go to: <https://psriowa.org>

Organizers



**Union of
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Citizens and Scientists for Environmental Solutions



Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend this event. If you require an accommodation to participate in this program, please contact us at info@psriowa.org

Renewable Energy Tinker Day And Solar Power Hour

Promote Adoption of Renewable Energy

I-Renew hosted its first Renewable Energy Tinker Day on August 3rd, an interactive session that demonstrated how renewable energy concepts can work on a smaller scale. Volunteers and visitors spent the fittingly sunny afternoon tinkering with shoebox solar ovens and solar-powered cell phone chargers, and put together a passive solar heater using materials generously donated from ReStore. The experience helped participants appreciate

the importance of small-scale efforts utilizing renewable energy. As one visitor remarked, "I wish more people did stuff like this." I-Renew hopes to continue exploring how people can use renewable energy in their daily lives and host many more Tinker Days.

I-Renew also partnered with Prairiewoods Retreat and Conference Center to host one of Linn County's Solar Power Hours. These Power Hours inform our residents about

how they can form a community group and purchase more affordable solar energy systems through a Solar Group Buy. I-Renew was thrilled to see so many people considering what would be involved in creating a Solar Group Buy for this year, lowering their overall expenses for solar leads and contributing to the community's sustainability goals.

Carrie Lane and Chris Kottman

Today's critical threats transcend national borders What role with the next president play in response?

The new president will face many trials in January 2021 including global disturbances like climate change, environmental degradation, violence, refugee and migrant flows. The PSR Iowa Presidential Candidate Forum on November 16 gives 2020 candidates the opportunity to articulate their plan for confronting global social, environmental, and security stresses.

Leadership is essential to solve growing global problems. Historically the U.S. approach to global

issues has been framed and driven by the nature of relationships to other countries and institutions like the UN, WTO, WHO. But, U.S. leadership on the world stage has also been known to alienate both international "rivals" and domestic constituencies. How will the next president thread the needle between effective leadership and competent team player on the very different but interdependent stages at home and abroad?

Candidates will be encouraged to

articulate their vision of the "national interest" regarding interconnected global problems, how they perceive and will balance the competing needs for leadership, cooperation, deference, engagement, and non-engagement in global affairs. The Forum provides candidates an opportunity to convey their position and proposals regarding specific challenges.

The forum convenes at 2:00 PM. Please join us!

Maureen McCue

Iowa Shares is a statewide coalition of social change, environmental, and cultural non-profit agencies, raising funds through workplace giving since 1993. To learn more about how your support of Iowa Shares will make a difference in your community, visit our website at <http://www.iowashares.org>.

Supporting our communities through workplace giving

Quad Cities Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees Spearheads Coordination of Health Research Studies

QCAIR met on Saturday, September 14th, with various agencies and organizations that serve the refugee community in the Quad Cities to create mechanisms for coordinating and exchanging health research information on refugee men. Among those present were Rohan D. Jeremiah, PhD, MPH, Associate Professor at the School of Public Health, University of Illinois (Chicago), Martin Logo, MPH, PhD and executive director of Healthy Africa Pioneers (HAPi) and Colleen Doak, PhD, Associate Professor at St. Ambrose University, Davenport. The meeting focused on 2 active research studies.

The Institute for Person-Centered Care at St. Ambrose University, under the leadership of Ann Garton, is working to help refugees manage

their diabetes more effectively.

Dr. Jeremiah, the principal investigator of a study examining the experiences and health needs of refugee men in the Quad Cities, is seeking research participants who are: men with UNHCR refugee status, between 20-40 years old, from African Great Lakes region Burundian, Rwandan, Congolese, Sudanese, S. Sudanese living in the Quad Cities.

Discussion focused on whether the research studies overlap, whether the studies would create fatigue or frustration among the refugee men, and whether the research actually helps the refugee community or simply documents the problems or challenges facing the refugee men?

Three conclusions emerged: (1) There does not appear to be over-

lap between the two studies; (2) Augustana, Western Illinois and other universities and organizations in the Quad Cities need to be part of this coordinated effort; and (3) The lead researchers intend to direct participants to appropriate service providers in the community.

QCAIR believes that immigrant health is a major concern and is coordinating a meeting on October 13th with interested organizations and agencies to ensure that resources are used in the best possible way to help the refugee community.

QCAIR will also sponsor a Black Hawk College program on October 18th on Becoming a U.S. Citizen. Please see the adjacent flyer for details...

Grant Curtis and Susan Leuthauser

Our History

Twenty-two diverse, social action, non-profit organizations in Iowa partnered in 1992 to establish Iowa Shares, an equal-opportunity alternative fund serving all Iowans.

Serving Communities Across Iowa for 26 Years

Full List of 2020 Member Organizations

Full Members (Receive funds designated to the specific organization and a portion of funds not designated for a specific organization)

Amnesty International of Iowa

www.aiusa.org

Working to secure the principles of human rights espoused in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights through education and advocacy via local groups in Ames, Cedar Rapids, and Des Moines.

Environmental Advocates

www.environmental-advocates.org

Educating the public about local environmental issues and the positions of elected officials, participating in river clean-up events, helping underwrite startup environmental organizations and local environmental projects. We believe a sustainable environment is necessary for future generations.

Equality Iowa

www.equalityiowa.org

A statewide, grassroots, non-partisan organization working to secure equality for all Iowans, Iowa's LGBTQ communities and their allies, emphasizing the needs of the un- and under-served. Helping provide a voice & visibility for Iowa's LGBTQ communities.

Extend the Dream Foundation

<https://uptownbills.org>

EDF, working to raise awareness and inclusion of persons of all abilities, sponsors Uptown Bill's Coffee

House & Neighborhood Arts Center, Bookstore, Media Project and Saturday Night Concert Series, and offers meeting space for community organizations.

Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation

www.icpl.org/friends-foundation

Increasing opportunities for everyone through the Iowa City Public Library. Donate to the ICPL Friends Foundation to connect people of all ages with information, engage them with the world of ideas and each other, and enrich lives by supporting learning, promoting literacy, and encouraging creativity.

Iowa Physicians for Social Responsibility

www.psriowa.org

To protect life and health from the gravest threats to survival, PSR Iowa works to eliminate nuclear weapons, slow and reverse climate change, and prevent toxic degradation of the environment.

Iowa Renewable Energy Association

www.irenew.org

Dedicated to educating Iowans about sustainable, renewable energy technologies and partnering with members and other non-profits to support and encourage renewable energy development.

Iowa United Nations Association

www.iowauna.org

For 66 years, providing statewide

educational programming on world issues such as global health, human rights and the environment, and raising support for UN humanitarian campaigns such as UNICEF and Nothing but Nets.

Legion Arts

www.legionarts.org

Presenting new art, music and theatre from around the globe; fostering community development through cultural engagement; and supporting the professional development of Iowa artists. Based at historic CSPS Hall in Cedar Rapids.

Linn County United Nations Association

www.unaiowa.org/chapters/linn/

Working to achieve effective U.S. involvement in a strengthened United Nations, we raise awareness through advocacy, public programs, study groups, U.N. Day celebrations, and collaboration with community groups.

Quad Cities Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees

<http://www.qcair.org/>

Supports people arriving from outside the country to integrate them into the Quad Cities community by advocating for them and collaborating with appropriate service providers. This includes elevating the public image of them by encouraging appreciation of their contributions to our society and sometimes providing direct services.

The Quire

www.thequire.org

A chorus for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons promoting a positive image of these communities through excellence in choral music. Membership is open to anyone who is gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, and to anyone who is respectful and affirming of these communities.

Urban Ambassadors (UA)

www.urbanambassadors.org

UA's mission is to inspire and empower community members to be sustainable in their homes, workplaces, and community. Through monthly educational meetings, pop-up events, and monthly newsletters, UA connects people and organizations promoting sustainability to increase the sustainability of life in our communities.

Associate Members (Receive only funds designated for the specific organization)

American Civil Liberties Union of Iowa (ACLU of Iowa)

<https://www.aclu-ia.org/>

The ACLU of Iowa fights to advance civil liberties for all. A state affiliate of the national American Civil Liberties Union, we pride ourselves in upholding everyone's civil liberties, no matter who they are or what they believe. We work to assure the constitutional rights of all Iowans—from atheists to devout Christians, from labor unions to businesspeople and more.

Animal Lifeline of Iowa

www.animal-lifeline.com

Central Iowa's only special needs, no-kill animal shelter, we rescue and rehabilitate cats and dogs that are injured, handicapped, have a serious medical condition, abused, pregnant and nursing moms, or orphans that require bottle feeding, and then adopt them into loving forever homes.

Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity (CVHFH)

www.cvhabitat.org

An ecumenical Christian housing ministry that builds and rehabilitates simple, decent, and affordable homes in partnership with families in need in Linn and Benton counties. Seeking to put God's love into action, CVHFH brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Center for Worker Justice of Eastern Iowa (CWJ)

www.cwj-iowa.org

CWJ unites low-wage workers across race, ethnicity and immigration status to pursue social and economic justice through education, leadership development, and issue-based organizing. Current projects protect immigrant rights, expand access to affordable housing, defend minimum wage increases, and combat wage theft.

Girls on the Run of Eastern Iowa

www.girlsontheruniowa.org

At GOTR, we inspire girls to recognize their inner strength and celebrate what makes them one of a kind. Using the power of running,

3rd-8th grade girls develop essential skills to help them navigate their worlds and establish a lifetime appreciation for health and fitness.

Iowa Humane Alliance

<http://iowahumanealliance.org>

Dedicated to solving animal overpopulation and eliminating euthanasia of healthy animals by providing high-quality, affordable spay and neuter services. Other programs include Love For Pets outreach, Spay/Neuter Transport, and Trap/Neuter/Return Resource Assistance Program. Supports other animal welfare organizations by recognizing their goals, maximizing their strengths, and utilizing vital resources.

Johnson County Humane Society

www.johnsoncountyhumane.org

JCHS helps keep companion animals out of shelters by providing assistance for spay/neuter and other medical needs, distributing pet food to those in need, helping with trap-neuter-return of community cats, and offering advice and referrals. JCHS promotes the humane treatment of all animals.

Trees Forever

www.treesforever.org

Determined to make a difference in our neighborhoods and communities, we plant and care for trees, shrubs, native grasses and the environment. Our work empowers people, builds community, fosters stewardship and promotes the value and importance of our natural areas for future generations.



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