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## Dear to Her Heart

In 2005, Mary Mantz from San Francisco, California became acquainted with Children & Families of Iowa (CFI) through Wells Fargo's National Employee Outreach Program. Dave Arens, CFI Board of Directors, shared information about CFI with Wells Fargo staff. Mary felt CFI's mission of restoring hope, building futures and changing lives for children and families in Iowa was a good fit for her personal interests and made her initial gift.



Mary Mantz

Mary supported CFI with annual gifts and went so far as to include CFI in her trust. Mary passed away this summer after a courageous battle with cancer. "I want to help children," Mary had told her sister, Andrea Utle. True to her word, CFI is one of three primary organizations to benefit from her estate. According to her sister, Mary wanted to benefit children who are afflicted with medical conditions, children who are emotional at-risk, and retain national park access to future generations of children to hike and enjoy nature's beauty. "These are wonderful and innocent children, born into bad circumstances, who need help," said Andrea. "She gave generously since there are lots of children that fall through the cracks. She wanted to help children develop happy lives, permanent homes, and stable futures."

"It is Mary's hope, and mine too, that her gift to CFI will change the future for a lot of children. Not only give them hope and help them get through their current struggles, but to help them find their inner strength to overcome future struggles" said Andrea.

"Mary never had children of her own, but she loved children and treasured their innocence" said Andrea. "She gave to foundations that make a difference in the lives of children, especially children who received a bad roll of the dice." Which is exactly what her gift will do. ■

## Adoption Provides Good Life

In 1952, six-month-old Dale A. Vande Haar was adopted into a loving and supportive Iowa family. The placement was made through the Children's Home Society, now Children & Families of Iowa (CFI).



Dale Vande Haar

Dale's adoptive father owned and ran his own business. His mother was the bookkeeper, city treasurer and later the librarian. He has many happy memories from his childhood.

Dale and his first wife, Ann (who passed away after a pancreatic transplant), raised a daughter and an adopted son. He has two grandchildren whom he adores. Dale recently retired after a successful career as the Supervisor of Library Services for the Des Moines Public Schools.

"My interest in education came from my adoptive parents who valued higher education. I always knew that I was going to go to college," said Dale. "I am the third generation to have graduated from Central College in Pella." He later received a Master's degree in Curriculum and Library Instruction Sciences and a PhD in Education.

With the help of CFI's records and a private detective Dale met his birth mother and learned that his birth parents were 17-year-old high school students from a small Iowa town. Dale's birth was kept secret from family and the community. After graduating from high school, the couple married and started their own family. "My biological mother is a lovely person," said Dale. I look like both of my biological parents, but mostly like my mom. I share her love of gardening and antiques." ■

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# THANK YOU

## Hy-Vee to sponsor 2017 Kidsfest, presented by Veridian Credit Union

CFI is pleased to announce the addition of Hy-Vee as the Platinum Level Sponsor for 2017 Kidsfest, presented by Veridian Credit Union. As the Platinum Sponsor, Hy-Vee will provide daily shows, demonstrations, and games on multiple stages at the event. Their focus will be on health and fitness highlighted through Hy-Vee's KidsFit program.

"Hy-Vee is proud to partner with Children & Families of Iowa to make a difference in the lives of children in our community," said Helen Eddy, Vice President, Health/Wellness. "At Kidsfest, we are excited to showcase our Hy-Vee KidsFit program which makes it convenient for kids and families to make healthier choices in their daily lives. With its easy, fun format, Hy-Vee KidsFit inspires families to establish good fitness and nutritional habits."

Kidsfest discount coupons will be available at Hy-Vee's Des Moines area locations starting February 3, 2017. Proceeds from Kidsfest help fund programs that provide services to at-risk families.

## New Board Members

Please join the Foundation for Children & Families of Iowa in extending a warm welcome to incoming members of our Board of Trustees.



**Betsy Jepsen**



**Bo Schatzberg**



**Kent Altena**

## Volunteers

Special thanks to those organizations and individuals who volunteered for Children & Families of Iowa during the months of August - December 2016.

CDS Global Employees	Ellie Bryan	Catherine Gagen	Emily Marchino	Jaime Quintanilla	Diana Spieker
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	Courtney Freeman	Cing Mang	Stephanie Putz		

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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS



## 2017 Kidsfest, presented by Veridian Credit Union

Friday, March 3, 2017, 6 - 9 p.m.

Saturday, March 4, 2017, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday, March 5, 2017, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Iowa State Fair Grounds, Varied Industries Building  
Des Moines, IA

Kidsfest is about kids helping kids! Attend Children & Families of Iowa's Kidsfest, presented by Veridian Credit Union, for great attractions while helping at-risk families in Iowa.

**Back by popular demand – the Turtles on Saturday and Sunday! New for 2017 – Star Theater, Hy-Vee's KidsFit activities, multiple stages and a petting zoo.**

## Family Tees Inter-generational Golf Tournament

JUNE 19, 2017

TERRACE HILLS GOLF COURSE, ALTOONA, IA

## Ladies' Invitational Golf Tournament

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

COPPER CREEK GOLF COURSE, PLEASANT HILL, IA

## Tango Gala

JULY 28, 2017

LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

## LEARN MORE

*For up-to-date information and registration for CFI events, visit [cfiowa.org](http://cfiowa.org).*

## CFI Princess Party

Thank you to our Princess Party sponsors, volunteers and participants!

On Saturday, November 5, more than 350 princesses and their chaperones gathered at Jordan Creek Town Center to enjoy a morning of princess-inspired activities at Children & Families of Iowa's 2016 Princess Party. The event raised over \$16,000. Special thanks to Panera Bread for providing breakfast and Jordan Creek Town Center for hosting the event.



Sarah Vale, Foundation for Children & Families of Iowa staff; Trustee Marie Roberts and volunteer Tyler Voss oversaw the silent auction and raffle area.



Scarlett Tharp, Evelyn and Joscelyn Dominguez enjoy a photo opportunity with princesses Anna and Elsa.



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Warrior Tattoo Studio owner John Hintz organized the Toys for Tats drive. Pictured: Janice Lane, CEO of CFI and John Hintz with the toy delivery.

## Thank you!

Between November 28 and December 21, 2016, donors generously provided:

- Over 1,100 toys for CFI clients so that their children could feel the joy of opening presents this holiday season
- Brighter holidays for 162 families served through CFI's Adopt A Family program

Toys for CFI's toy room were collected from the Applebee's Coaches Toy Drive, Warrior Tattoos Toys for Tats, Abate Motorcycle Club, and many other area toy drives and from donations made by caring individuals.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the holidays brighter for CFI clients and their families this holiday season!



Amy Stapp-Arpy  
CDO/VP of Development  
and Communications

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