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## Celebrating 130 years!

Children & Families of Iowa (CFI) is one of the top family services organizations in Iowa. Through the generosity of our funders, CFI helps everyone from children who need a safe home to adults learning to cope with trauma. Families and children in crisis need

the possibility to find hope when it seems like there is none left.

Thank you for helping CFI provide life changing programs for lowans over the last 130 years!

**1888**

**The Iowa Educational Aid Society** is founded.

Three principles are adopted as a foundation for the society's work:

1. A family home is superior to an orphanage or other institution as a place to raise children.
2. There is a childless home for every homeless child.
3. An organization is needed as an intermediary between homeless children and childless homes.

This society evolves into the organization we know today as **Children & Families of Iowa**.

**1941**

The Community Chest provides funding that began the organization's work with at-risk children in their own homes.

**1965**

First branch office opens in Fort Dodge.

**1991**

The Board of Directors votes to change the organization's name to **Children & Families of Iowa**.

**2010**

**Children & Families of Iowa** becomes a leader in the delivery of counseling and psychiatric services to rural Iowa counties through Telehealth services.

**1888**

**1913**

**1938**

**1963**

**1988**

**2013**

**Today**

**1894**

The organization's name is changed to the **Iowa Children's Home Society**.

**1922**

A new focus on pre-placement studies before matching children with prospective adoptive families is put in place.

**1947**

The first child psychiatrist is hired by the organization, and it adds a public relations department to improve the organization's financial stability.

**1979**

The Polk County Coalition of Battered Women requests that the organization oversee and operate its Family Violence Center.

**2018**

**Children & Families of Iowa** celebrates 130 years of providing resources and support to at-risk families and individuals, creating safe, happy homes.



1915-Five children from same family needing homes



1916 - A happily placed boy



1917 - Foster son returns from WWI, a hero



1920-Three children in need of homes



1986 - Domestic Abuse Hotline



2013 - Child Development Center



# THANK YOU



**variety**  
the children's charity™

## Nationwide Foundation

CFI extends a special thank you to Nationwide Foundation for their generous gift of \$65,000 in support of CFI's Domestic Violence Services and Shelter.



**Nationwide**  
Foundation

## Variety - the Children's Charity

Thank you to Variety - the Children's Charity of Iowa for the generous gift of \$10,000 in support of CFI's Child Development Center's food program. This gift is being used to provide nutritious meals and snacks to the under-privileged children served at the center.



Children ages 6 weeks - 10 years old receive quality, affordable childcare at CFI's CDC. Services are provided at reduced rates for families who receive state funding and are also provided to parenting teens at our Teddy Bear Town location.

## Volunteers

Special thanks to those organizations and individuals who volunteered for Children & Families of Iowa during the months of January and April 2018.

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Hayley Anderson  
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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS



## Dust off those clubs and join us for two golf outings

### Family Tees Inter-generational Golf Tournament

Family Tees offers a wonderful opportunity for families to be active and play together while supporting the important mission of Children & Families of Iowa.

### Ladies' Invitational Golf Tournament

Ladies – join Children & Families of Iowa for a fun morning on the course. Funds raised at the Invitational Golf Tournament allow Children & Families of Iowa to continue to improve the lives of at-risk Iowans with a focus on services for domestic abuse survivors.

### Family Tees Inter-generational Golf Tournament

JUNE 25, 2018

TERRACE HILLS GOLF COURSE, ALTOONA

### Ladies' Invitational Golf Tournament

JULY 13, 2018

COPPER CREEK GOLF COURSE, PLEASANT HILL

### Princess Party

OCTOBER 20, 2018

JORDAN CREEK TOWN CENTER, WEST DES MOINES

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



### CFI is proud to introduce the 2018 Tango Co-Chairs, Loretta and Dr. Bob Sieman.

After a distinguished career of 33 years as an OB/GYN doctor, Bob retired from his role of delivering children. He served as chair of the OB/GYN departments at both Mercy Medical Clinic and UnityPoint Health; he was also a founding board member for The Iowa Clinic. Loretta served on the West Des Moines School Board and became the first woman elected to the West Des Moines City Council.

## Get ready for Tango!

Guests at the Foundation's Tango event will enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, dancing to music provided by Final Mix, and the chance to bid on exceptional items at the live and silent auctions all while supporting the services of Children & Families of Iowa.

**Friday, July 27, 6:30 - 10:30 pm**

**Sheraton West Des Moines**

**Register: [www.cfiowa.org/events/](http://www.cfiowa.org/events/)**

**Celebration Sponsors:** Kyle J. & Sharon Krause

**Tango Sponsors:** Meredith • Nationwide • Principal Financial Group • Slater & Norris, P.L.C. • John & Zelda Grubb Foundation  
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**Tango Committee:** Kent Altena • Linda Dencklav • Alesia Endres • Gloria Filean • Karen Goldworth • Erik Kreissler  
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in their home.

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hope and  
change lives  
by investing in  
the programs  
of Children &  
Families of Iowa.

## Minimum Required IRA Distributions - Tax Free Charitable Gifts

If you are at least 70½ years of age, you are eligible to take advantage of a simple way to benefit at-risk families and abuse victims through a gift to the Foundation for Children & Families of Iowa and receive tax benefits in return. You can give up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as ours without paying income taxes on the money. For more information visit the planned giving section of our website at [www.cfiowa.org](http://www.cfiowa.org).

This law no longer has an expiration date making it possible for eligible donors to utilize this benefit annually.



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