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Helping Youth Who Drop Out And Are Unemployed...

Dropping out of high school causes daily struggles for youth. After being kicked out of his parents' home, 19-year-old Steve* found himself living with his grandmother. In no uncertain terms his father had said, "Get a job, go to school, or move out!" This left Steve feeling defeated. He knew he needed to do something, but he couldn't hold a job even though he was trying. When he was able to find a job, he couldn't keep it.

Family members suggested Steve look into Children & Families of Iowa's (CFI) programs that support teens in transition. These programs include the Youth Employment Program (YEP) and Connect 2 Careers (C2C). They serve low-income youth ages 14-24 who are experiencing life challenges such as: at-risk of dropping out of school, lacking occupational skills/goals, foster care placement, prior court involvement, pregnancy or parenting, reading and math skills that are below grade level, or other barriers to success.

After meeting with CFI staff, Steve decided to enroll in YEP. With the financial resources and encouragement CFI offered, he then enrolled in High School Equivalency classes, called HiSET. After enrolling, it only took Steve six weeks to earn his high school diploma!

With the first step in his plan accomplished, Steve was able to create his resume and practice interview skills with staff. To help narrow down his career options, CFI provided skills assessments. Steve showed a real interest in and talent for the building trades, and was placed with a local electrical company for on-the-job training as an electrician.



After creating resumes, youth participate in mock job interviews led by local employers.



Graduation day is a happy occasion for clients and their families.

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THANK YOU

Thank You Erik Kreissler

"Erik Kreissler has been part of the Foundation for Children & Families of Iowa's events committee for two years. He has served on the Tango and Family Tees Planning Committees as well as the Events Task-Force. He has gone above and beyond expectations. His positive attitude and willingness to increase community awareness, work hard and share ideas has made him an invaluable asset to the Foundation. We thank Erik for all he does to make our events successful." Amy Stapp-Arpy, CDO/VP of Development and Communications.

"I was very blessed to grow up with a great education and have a family that was very supportive in everything I did. When I began to realize that there are so many children out there that don't have the same opportunities or support in life, I felt that I needed to get involved immediately to begin doing my part in supporting and caring for these struggling children.

After graduating from Iowa State and beginning my career with Kum & Go, I had an urge to start making a larger impact within our communities. I sought out my companies' COO to get his opinion on non-profit organizations that support amazing causes, and CFI was at the top of his list.

The integrity of this organization is unmatched. When looking for organizations to be a part of, you

want to make sure their values align with that of your own and you want to make sure your efforts aren't wasted. The funds that are raised through the events CFI hosts are undoubtedly used in the most effective ways possible to fund their projects, facilities, and services towards the struggling children and families they support. After seeing one of the early childhood school facilities in Des Moines, I could see the great things they are trying to do, but I also saw the need they have for volunteers and donors to truly make an impact on the families within our community.

The almost two years I've volunteered for CFI have gone by so quickly and I can't wait to see all the good this organization continues to do in the years to come. Thank you to all that have supported this amazing organization!"

- Erik Kreissler,
Kum & Go



Erik Kreissler, Kum & Go, and Sarah Vinchattle, Wells Fargo, with team members Shelly and Jon Renaud, at Family Tees Golf Tournament on June 24, 2019.

New Board Members

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to incoming board members.



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Special thanks to the following individuals who volunteered for Children & Families of Iowa from May 1 - June 30, 2019:

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Get A Job! *(Continued from Page 1)*

Through his hard work and willingness to keep trying, Steve has exceeded his mentor's expectations – he was hired as an apprentice. This provided him with the opportunity to earn as he learns.

"I'm excited about my future and plan to continue working hard", says Steve. "Only seven months ago, I didn't have any money, and no real plans. Now I have a car, a job, and goals. Hard work does pay off if you keep trying".

Steve is one of the lucky ones who was able to find the guidance he needed through CFI's work readiness programs. According to the 2018 Kids Count data book, eight percent of Iowa 17-year-olds are not in school and have not graduated. High school graduates earn, on average, nearly \$10,000 more each year than high school dropouts. (Employment Policy Foundation).

With your support, young adults like Steve can overcome the obstacles that keep them from finding success, opportunities and employment.

**Name has been changed to protect client confidentiality.*



Pure joy at one of CFI's work readiness program's graduations.

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Tribute Gifts

The following gifts were given to the Foundation for Children & Families of Iowa between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019. To make a gift in honor or in memory of a loved one, friend or organization, please complete and mail the enclosed donation envelope or visit www.cfiowa.org/give-cfi

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Through your tribute gift to Children & Families of Iowa, you helped at-risk children and families across Iowa find the support they need to live happier, healthier lives.

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2018-2019 Snapshot

Total Number of Gifts	3,613
Annual Fund	\$1,193,637
Planned giving	\$538,570
First Time Donors (562)	\$97,301*
In-Kind Donations	\$16,047
TOTAL SUPPORT RAISED through JUNE 30, 2019	\$2,313,904

*Includes monetary and in-kind donations



*Heath and Dalton Bullock,
President, Foundation Board of Trustees 2018-2019*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Save the date!

Saturday, September 28, 2019
Jordan Creek Mall (Food Court)
West Des Moines, IA



Princess Party

We invite all princesses, princes, and their chaperons to join us for a fun-filled morning of royal activities: including breakfast, games, photo opportunities and crafts. All children are encouraged to dress up as their favorite royal.

Register at
<https://cfiowa.org/all-cfi-events/princess-party/>

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CFI Summer Golf Events

Thank you to all our Family Tees Golf Tournament sponsors, volunteers and golfers!

Golfers of all ages joined the Foundation for Children & Families of Iowa on June 24, 2019, for a friendly, multi-generational golf outing. Thank you to Terrace Hills Golf Course in Altoona, our generous sponsors and participants. Over \$10,500 was raised in support of life-changing programs for Iowans.

Flight one winners – Jon and Jackson Hummel; flight two winners – Mark and Jack McCaulley; flight three winners – Team West Bank, Jon Hummel, Dan Hawks, Brent Kimble and Ron Maahs



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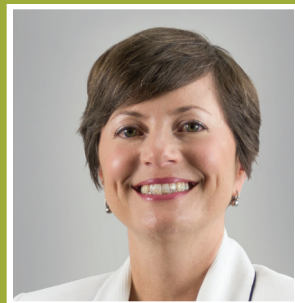
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Newly elected President,
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Foundation Announces Board Leadership Transition

On July 1, 2019, the Foundation for Children & Families of Iowa's Board of Trustees announced the election of Tessie Johnson, PricewaterhouseCoopers as the 2019-2020 president. She has served on the board for four years. "Tessie's experience and expertise has been a great asset to the Foundation," stated Amy Stapp-Arpy, CDO/VP Development and Communications.

Tessie replaces Heath Bullock of SVN | CREATE, now serving as past-president. Heath led the board to success last year by completing and exceeding all strategic goals. "Heath is passionate about serving our community and advocating for children and families. Many thanks to Heath for his leadership."



Amy Stapp-Arpy
CDO/VP of Development
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