

Community Vitality Center

A Catalyst for Creating Real Impact in Real Communities

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STATEWIDE ACADEMY ON COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS AND PHILANTHROPY

Ames, IA – March 5, 2004 -- A “Statewide Academy on Iowa Community Foundations and Philanthropy” will be held on Monday, March 29th, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Hotel at Gateway Center in Ames, IA. The Community Vitality Center (CVC) is a statewide organization of community leaders and development groups that is spearheading efforts to organize the Academy to discuss ways to encourage donors in Iowa and other states to give back something to their hometown communities.

Community leaders, economic developers, and foundation leaders have been invited to the statewide workshop to learn about the wealth transfer occurring in Iowa’s counties and strategies for identifying and assisting donors interested in leaving a legacy to help create greater community vitality.

“The Academy will provide a unique learning opportunity,” said Mark Edelman, ISU Extension Economist and Director of the Center. “Participants will hear best practices and lessons learned from successful community foundations in Manning, Fairfield, Dubuque, and Cedar Falls/Waterloo,” he said.

“They will also hear about recent trends in philanthropy and see findings from a recent survey of Iowa’s foundations. Participants will examine new county by county

information on wealth transfer and learn how communities can participate in the new Endow Iowa matching grants and tax incentives, “ Edelman added.

Co-sponsors for the academy include the Iowa Council of Foundations, Iowa Department of Economic Development, Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center, ISU Extension to Communities, Iowa Area Development Group and Bank of America.

The registration fee to attend this event is \$25.00 per person, including lunch and materials. Registration forms and conference information are available on the CVC website www.cvcia.org or by calling Becky Johnson, Registration Coordinator, at 294-3000. Pre-registration is appreciated. The fee for those registering at the door will be \$35.00.