

# Caring Connections- Mentor A Child

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*Floyd County Community Foundation*

**Grant #: 20122185**

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# FollowUp Form

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## Report Fields

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### Project Name\*

Caring Connections- Mentor A Child

### Project Summary\*

Please give a very brief summary of the project. (300 characters or less)

Caring Connections is a certified, community based one on one mentoring program that connects youth who are in need of support, friendship, and constructive example with a volunteer community mentor. Mentors dedicate at least 1 hour a week committing to a year, with a youth aged between 5 - 18 years old.

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## Important Information

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This Grant Report is a record of what you have achieved with the grant issued through the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa. It documents how the Foundation's investment has made a difference in your community. The information you provide here will help shape future grantmaking by the Foundation.

## Instructions

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As you agreed to by signing the Terms of Grant, your organization must submit a completed Grant Report within six months of being issued a grant. A Grant Report can only be submitted once all the funds have been spent. If the grant funds have not been spent within six months, you can apply for an extension. To do so, email Program Director [Tom Wickersham](#) with a request for an extension.

The Community Foundation will review all submitted Grant Reports. If it is deemed that the Grant Report is incomplete, inaccurate, or if information needs clarification, we will contact you and request the specific information needed to consider this Grant Report complete.

## Financial

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### Have all the grant funds been spent?\*

If "No" please request an extension. See the instructions above.

Yes

### Project Budget\*

Upload a detailed list of revenue and expenses related to the project (including other donations, in-kind gifts, etc.). Identify which expenses were covered by this grant. Use the space provided to provide any necessary narrative explanation of the project budget. Use ONLY Word, Excel, or .pdf files.

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Budget for this project included all day-to-day costs of the mentoring program including program coordinator salary, mentor screening fees, coordination costs of fundraising events, office supplies, training (mentor and staff). The attached financial report only shows the months of March through June 2013.

2013- Mar to Jun Financial report.pdf

## Story

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### Story

Please share one or more stories that happened because of this project. (Details from this section may be used on our website or in press materials, but we will ensure confidentiality standards are met.)

As the program continues to recruit new mentors to serve youth of the community, many success stories begin. In February, 2013 Caring Connections held an invitation only mentor appreciation dinner in combination with a mentor recruitment dinner. This was a way for us to express our gratitude to our current mentors by hosting a catered dinner while also provided information/training to potential mentors. The dinner garnered several new mentors to the program; of which, four people of which made two couples who continued with the process to be board approved mentors.

Of one of the couples, the husband was later matched with a young boy who had been waiting for a mentor for nearly 9-12 months. Today, they meet weekly, and have a great friendship. The wife of the couple was also matched right away after approval to a little girl who had a mentor previously., The previous mentor could not continue after a year due to the mentor having personal/family obligations. The wife then served as a new mentor to the young girl and the two bonded and established a great relationship rather quickly.

## Results

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### Activities\*

Briefly describe activities that were implemented as a result of the grant. Be sure to include details about how many volunteers, if any were involved in the effort, and about other collaborative partners, if any, who were involved.

The Community Foundation Grant was used to cover day to day costs of the Caring Connections mentoring program as well program hosted Mentor/Mentee activities. Day to day costs of the program include Program Coordinator salary, supplies, materials for Mentor training- either new or continuing education training.

Caring Connections hosts program activities for Mentors and mentees every other month. In March 2013, Caring Connections hosted a St. Patrick's Day Party in which mentors and mentees played games- cards, boards games & bingo and then were served a St. Patrick's Day themed meal before the end of the activity. The program activity encouraged group participation while youth were able to exercise their social skills amongst other mentees and mentors. Board Members as well as the Program Coordinator are present as the host and facilitators of the activity.

On June 2nd, 2013 Caring Connections hosted a bus trip to the Minnesota Twins baseball game in Minneapolis. For many of the youth, this was their first ever professional sporting event. Caring Connections contracted for a Charter bus to transport all program members from Charles City, IA to the stadium and back. Before returning, Mentors, mentees & Board members enjoyed a pizza party together in a Minneapolis suburb.

Also during the month of June, 2013, Caring Connections implemented a Mentor continuing education training that focused on Child Sexual abuse awareness and prevention called, "Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children".

### **Outputs- Children Served\***

How many children were directly served/affected?

31

### **Outputs- Adults Served\***

How many adults were directly served/affected?

26

### **Outcomes\***

Please list the outcomes you planned to achieve in your original application. Then, describe the current outcomes of the project. (Outcomes are benefits or changes for individuals/communities resulting from a project. Outcomes often relate to a change in condition, skill, behavior, attitude, etc.) Were there any unanticipated outcomes? If the grant supported a capital project or equipment request, use this space to address the improvement/change that the new facility or equipment has made in the environment (i.e. school, community, etc.).

Outcomes expected with the Caring Connections mentoring program were consistent with what was expected. Retention of current matches (relationships established with a mentor and a youth) will continue into the coming year. Through surveys of mentors, mentees, and parents, we were able to report that all parties are happy and have seen favorable results through the mentoring relationship established. Parents have reported better attitudes and relationships at home. In some relationships, academic improvement has been noted.

Several new community members were trained as mentors and passed all program requirements to be matched with a youth. New matches were successfully made with all new mentors in the past 6 months. Follow-up with mentors and parents of youth continues to ensure that new matches are and continue to be successful.

Through verbal and/or email communication, program activities are well received and an anticipated event by program members. Activity attendance varies due to other obligations and time of the year in which the activity is held.

## **Learning & Planning**

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### **Lessons\***

What is the most important lesson learned from this project/effort?

The most successful outcome that our program can achieve is the nurturing, trusting and friendly relationship between a mentor and a youth. The guidance, skills, and trust that is built between a child and an adult is vitally important to successful outcomes of mentoring relationships. As a program, we need to ensure that we help mentors, youth, and families develop these lasting relationships by helping in the nurturing process and keeping in constant contact.

### **Changes\***

What would you change if you were to implement this project again?

The Advisory Board in the next 6 months will be examining, revising and implementing new Risk Management policies within the program. This will be done to protect our mentors as well as the youth that we serve and the integrity of the Caring Connections program. Once the Policy and Procedure manual is

completed with any revisions, mentors and family of youth will receive a copy to ensure all program members are aware of policies, procedures and program objectives and expected outcomes.

## Future\*

Will this project/work continue, and if so, how will it be sustained?

The Caring Connections program will continue to serve youth in Charles City and surrounding communities in Floyd County, Iowa. Efforts to recruit and train new mentors for youth is ongoing while maintaining current mentoring relationships is crucial to program success.

Financial support continues to be sought through a State Grant (Decat Funds), local/community grants, Civic and private donations, and program fundraisers that are held throughout the year.

## Support Documents

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If you have photographs of the completed project, copies of any newspaper articles about the project, expense receipts, or any other documents that you wish to submit as part of the grant report, you are welcome to upload them below. You can upload up to four documents in this section.

### Support Document 1

This is an optional field to upload a support document (photo, news story, etc.). See instructions above. Use ONLY Word, Excel, or .pdf files.

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Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Newsletter.pdf

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*[Unanswered]*

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## ***Signatures: Required signatures certifying the accuracy of submitted information***

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**Please Note:** By entering data into the next three (3) fields calling for insertion of your Name, Title, and Date, you are:

- (1) representing that you are an officer or other agent for the Grant Recipient duly authorized to enter into legally binding agreements on behalf of the Legal Grant Recipient
- (2) agreeing to submit this grant report in an electronic form on behalf of the Grant Recipient, which shall be bound by its contents as an electronic transaction
- (3) agreeing that you provided true, accurate, current and complete information
- (4) agreeing that your insertion of data into these following fields constitutes an electronic signature

### **Chief Executive Officer Signature\***

Terri O'Brien

### **Title\***

Business Manager

### **Date\***

07/30/2013

# FollowUp Files

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## ***Applicant File Uploads***

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- 2013- Mar to Jun Financial report.pdf
- Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Newsletter.pdf

## ***Supporting Documents***

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Activity Fund Balance Report - Detail - Exclude Encumbrances

03/2013 - 06/2013  
Regular; Beginning Month 03/2013; Processing Month 06/2013; Fund Balance Account 10 759 000 9507 000; Fund Number 10

Fund: 10 OPERATING FUND

Chart of Account Number	Entry Date	JR Reference #	Chart of Account Description	Check Acct	Check #	Description	Entity Name	Expenses	Revenues	Balance Change	Balance
10 759 000 9507 000			Mentoring Program - unassigned FB				**Previous Balance				21,003.71
10 759 000 9507 000			Mentoring Program - unassigned FB								
10 0000 1920 890 9507			Misc Contributions - Community Mentoring								
03/26/2013	CR	70271	FULL MOON 5K-3/22/13/J.DANIELS					0.00	825.00		
04/11/2013	CR	70287	FUNDRAISER/J.DANIELS					0.00	850.00		
04/11/2013	CR	70295	DONATION TO MENTORING/CITY OF CHARLES CI					0.00	750.00		
04/22/2013	CR	70324	FUNDRAISER/J.DANIELS					0.00	1,645.00		
04/30/2013	CR	70349	FUNDRAISER/J.DANIELS					0.00	2,750.00		
06/11/2013	CR	70412	FUNDRAISER/J.DANIELS					0.00	25.00		
06/11/2013	CR	70412	FULL MOON 5K/DANIELS					0.00	700.00		
06/11/2013	CR	70412	DUCK RACES/DANIELS					0.00	13.00		
06/18/2013	CR	70430	MOVIE DONATIONS/DANIELS					0.00	4,700.00		
06/18/2013	CR	70430	MENTORING DONATION/FLOYD CO					0.00	200.00		
06/18/2013	CR	70433	MENTORING SPONSORSHIP/CC EXCHANGE CLUB					0.00			
10 0000 3227 890 3227			Decat Grant - Community Mentoring								
03/04/2013	CR	70231	MENTORING DECAT JANUARY 2013					0.00	2,579.00		
10 0050 2322 890 3227 151			Community Mentoring Coordinator								
03/01/2013	PR	PR Checks	PR Salary Expense					861.00	0.00		
03/15/2013	PR	PR Checks	PR Salary Expense					805.00	0.00		
03/29/2013	PR	PR Checks	PR Salary Expense					749.00	0.00		
04/12/2013	PR	PR Checks	PR Salary Expense					847.00	0.00		
04/26/2013	PR	PR Checks	PR Salary Expense					840.00	0.00		
05/10/2013	PR	PR Checks	PR Salary Expense					882.00	0.00		
05/24/2013	PR	PR Checks	PR Salary Expense					973.00	0.00		
06/07/2013	PR	PR Checks	PR Salary Expense					441.00	0.00		
06/21/2013	PR	PR Checks	PR Salary Expense					595.00	0.00		
06/30/2013	GJ	YE 46	Reclass Mentor Exp to local funding					(12,202.37)	0.00		
07/05/2013	PR	PR Checks	PR Salary Expense					749.00	0.00		
10 0050 2322 890 3227 221			Social Security								
03/01/2013	PR	PR Checks	PR Tax Expense					53.38	0.00		
03/15/2013	PR	PR Checks	PR Tax Expense					49.91	0.00		
03/29/2013	PR	PR Checks	PR Tax Expense					46.44	0.00		
04/12/2013	PR	PR Checks	PR Tax Expense					52.51	0.00		
04/26/2013	PR	PR Checks	PR Tax Expense					52.08	0.00		
05/10/2013	PR	PR Checks	PR Tax Expense					54.68	0.00		
05/24/2013	PR	PR Checks	PR Tax Expense					60.33	0.00		

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06/07/2013	PR	PR Checks				PR Tax Expense		27.34	0.00			
06/21/2013	PR	PR Checks				PR Tax Expense		36.89	0.00			
07/05/2013	PR	PR Checks				PR Tax Expense		46.44	0.00			
10 0050 2322 890 3227 222						Medicare						
03/01/2013	PR	PR Checks				PR Tax Expense		12.48	0.00			
03/15/2013	PR	PR Checks				PR Tax Expense		11.67	0.00			
03/29/2013	PR	PR Checks				PR Tax Expense		10.86	0.00			
04/12/2013	PR	PR Checks				PR Tax Expense		12.28	0.00			
04/26/2013	PR	PR Checks				PR Tax Expense		12.18	0.00			
05/10/2013	PR	PR Checks				PR Tax Expense		12.79	0.00			
05/24/2013	PR	PR Checks				PR Tax Expense		14.11	0.00			
06/07/2013	PR	PR Checks				PR Tax Expense		6.39	0.00			
06/21/2013	PR	PR Checks				PR Tax Expense		8.63	0.00			
07/05/2013	PR	PR Checks				PR Tax Expense		10.86	0.00			
10 0050 2322 890 3227 231						IPERS						
03/01/2013	PR	PR Checks				PR Deduction Expense		74.65	0.00			
03/15/2013	PR	PR Checks				PR Deduction Expense		69.79	0.00			
03/29/2013	PR	PR Checks				PR Deduction Expense		64.94	0.00			
04/12/2013	PR	PR Checks				PR Deduction Expense		73.43	0.00			
04/26/2013	PR	PR Checks				PR Deduction Expense		72.83	0.00			
05/10/2013	PR	PR Checks				PR Deduction Expense		76.47	0.00			
05/24/2013	PR	PR Checks				PR Deduction Expense		84.36	0.00			
06/07/2013	PR	PR Checks				PR Deduction Expense		36.23	0.00			
06/21/2013	PR	PR Checks				PR Deduction Expense		51.59	0.00			
07/05/2013	PR	PR Checks				PR Deduction Expense		66.89	0.00			
10 0050 2322 890 3227 311						Business & Financial Services - bckgrnd						
03/19/2013	GJ	10				RECLASS MENTORING BACKGROUND CHECKS		60.00	0.00			
04/10/2013	GJ	3				RECLASS MENTORING BACKGROUND CHECKS		90.00	0.00			
10 0050 2322 890 3227 532						TELEPHONE						
03/26/2013	CD	13MAR1				2 61469 REIMB PHONE/FEB	DANIELS, JESSICA	40.00	0.00			
03/26/2013	CD	13MAR1				2 61469 REIMB PHONE/MAR	DANIELS, JESSICA	40.00	0.00			
10 0050 2322 890 3227 611						Instructional Supplies						
03/18/2013	CD	13MAR1				2 61423 WEIGHT LOSS PRIZE/MENTORING	KLINKEL, LEVI	250.00	0.00			
03/18/2013	CD	13MAR2				2 61424 TEAM WEIGHT LOSS PRIZE/MENTORING	KLINKEL, LEVI	100.00	0.00			
03/18/2013	CD	13MAR1				2 61429 WEIGHT LOSS PRIZE/MENTORING	SKUSTER, CASIE	250.00	0.00			
03/26/2013	CD	55711				2 61545 WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE AD/MENTORING	NORTH IOWA BROADCASTING	200.00	0.00			
03/26/2013	CD	13MAR25				2 61500 SUPPLIES/MENTORING	HY VEE	49.97	0.00			

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03/26/2013	CD 13MAR26	2	61500	CATERING/MENTORING	HY VEE	479.56	0.00	
03/26/2013	CD 13MAR27	2	61501	CREDIT/MENTORING	HY VEE	(63.62)	0.00	
03/26/2013	CD 13MAR36	2	61501	SUPPLIES/MENTORING	HY VEE	86.67	0.00	
03/26/2013	CD 9259	2	61519	SUPPLIES/MENTORING	K MART -	38.49	0.00	
04/08/2013	CD 2504-2	2	61614	AD DEPOSIT/MENTORING	MONITOR PRODUCTIONS	70.00	0.00	
04/09/2013	CD 1766 9849560	2	61618	MICROSOFT OFFICE/MENTORING	ACADEMIC SUPERSTORE	52.79	0.00	
04/25/2013	GJ 5			MENTORING POSTAGE		195.05	0.00	
04/29/2013	CD 13APR1	2	61717	SUPPLIES/MENTORING	BANCARD CENTER	79.50	0.00	
05/08/2013	CD 589	2	61738	TSHIRTS/5 K RACE/MENTORING	JTEES DESIGNS, LLC	3,534.00	0.00	
05/14/2013	CD 3339006	2	61837	SUPPLIES/MENTORING	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	17.73	0.00	
05/14/2013	CD 2674	2	61838	SUPPLIES/MENTORING	K MART -	84.39	0.00	
05/14/2013	CD 71085	2	61867	SUPPLIES/MENTORING	ORIENTAL TRADING CO INC	148.49	0.00	
05/28/2013	CD 13MAY1	2	61923	SUPPLIES/MENTORING	BANCARD CENTER	61.90	0.00	
05/28/2013	CD 13MAY1	2	61923	SUPPLIES/MENTORING	BANCARD CENTER	55.93	0.00	
05/28/2013	CD 13MAY1	2	61923	SUPPLIES/MENTORING	BANCARD CENTER	202.59	0.00	
05/28/2013	CD 13MAY1	2	61923	SUPPLIES/MENTORING	BANCARD CENTER	38.90	0.00	
05/29/2013	GJ 12			COMET CAFE TICKETS/MENTORING WEIGHT LOSS		30.00	0.00	
06/24/2013	CD 13JUNE1	2	62137	MEALS/MENTORING	BANCARD CENTER	400.00	0.00	
06/27/2013	CD 13JUNE112	2	62206	SUPPLIES/MENTORING	HY VEE	25.45	0.00	
06/27/2013	CD 7638	2	62216	SUPPLIES/MENTORING	K MART -	38.42	0.00	
06/27/2013	CD 13JUNE1	2	62263	FOOD/MENTORING	SUBWAY STORE #396	70.00	0.00	
06/30/2013	GJ YE 46			Reclass Mentor Exp to local funding		(9,763.49)	0.00	
10 0050 2322 890 3227 731				MACHINERY				
04/29/2013	CD 13APR1	2	61717	LAPTOP/MENTORING	BANCARD CENTER	602.99	0.00	
10 0050 2322 890 3227 813				Institution Fees				
03/26/2013	CD 13MAR1	2	61502	2013 DUCK RACE GAMBLING APPLICATION/MENT	IA DEPT OF INSPECTIONS & APPEALS	40.00	0.00	
10 0050 2322 890 9507 151				Office /Clerical - Regular Employee				
06/30/2013	GJ YE 46			Reclass Mentor Exp to local funding		12,202.37	0.00	
10 0050 2322 890 9507 611				Office Supplies				
06/30/2013	GJ YE 46			Reclass Mentor Exp to local funding		9,763.49	0.00	
10 0050 2700 890 3227 515				Transportation - Private Contractor				
06/05/2013	CD 20414	2	62008	TRANSPORTATION/MENTORING	HAWKEYE STAGES	1,399.00	0.00	
10 759 000 9507 000				Mentoring Program - unassigned FB				
					*Current Activity			(2,739.63)
					*Ending Balance:	17,776.63	0.00	18,284.08
					Fund Total:	17,776.63	0.00	18,284.08



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## We're making a difference

In the year since Jerry Sandusky's convictions, significant progress has been made to better protect Iowa's children from sexual abuse.

"Since Sandusky, there's been recognition that it's not just parents with the responsibility to protect their children, but all adults play a role," said Steve Scott, executive director of PCA Iowa.

The national story involving Sandusky and Penn State led Iowa legislators, businesses, media and community leaders to make child sexual abuse prevention a greater priority over the past couple of years. Last year, we reported on [several achievements](#).

Since that time, we have continued to lead efforts to better educate adults on their responsibility to protect children.

Through four workshops, 55 facilitators have been trained to deliver *Stewards of Children*, a nationally recognized, adult-focused child sexual abuse prevention program. By this winter, more than 2,220 educators, business professionals, youth-serving organizations, parents and volunteers will be better prepared to prevent, recognize and react to child sexual abuse.

Thanks to a \$7,500 grant from Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino and \$2,000 from Alliant Energy, PCA Iowa will offer another facilitators' training this September.

[Learn more](#) about our successes over the past year and help us with our work:

- Find resources and training information through our newly developed [resource directory](#)

### Take Action



Like to golf? Play a round in support of child abuse prevention. On Sept. 28, ISU's Kappa Delta Sorority is hosting the KD Klassic Golf Tournament in Ames. 80% of money raised will go to PCA Iowa. [Register here.](#)

### Iowa ACEs Summit

The 2013 Iowa Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Summit will take

place October 14 at the Sheraton in West Des Moines. Hear the first-ever analysis of how ACEs impact Iowans' health and well-being and join the discussion of how we can begin to respond to the study's findings. PCA Iowa is serving on the planning committee and is looking at how to respond to the study's findings in a prevention-focused way. [Learn more about the summit.](#)



### Get Involved

We're looking for volunteers who love organizing events to join our outreach and fundraising efforts.

You can play an important role in raising awareness of prevention and supporting our future work. To sign up to volunteer, e-mail [Becca Bolton](mailto:Becca.Bolton@preventionconnection.org).

### About Us

Prevent Child Abuse Iowa's mission is to lead child abuse prevention efforts in Iowa through Advocacy, Awareness and Assistance.

- [Speak up for policies that prioritize children's safety](#) in your organization
- [Make a donation](#) to support our work on this issue
- [Contact your legislators](#) in support of this effort and for improving mandatory reporter training next session

## Partner Spotlight: Stewards of Children

Over the past few months, *Stewards of Children* trainings have increased across the state as awareness of child sexual abuse has grown and more people learn about this nationally recognized, adult-focused prevention program.



*Tanner, left, spends time with his Caring Connections mentor Jeff*

### Caring Connections -

Mentor a Child in Floyd County recently decided to have all of its volunteers trained when the advisory committee began reviewing its risk management policies this spring.

Jessica Daniels, program coordinator for Caring Connections, said the training helped the volunteers who work with children ages 5-18 know how to better protect themselves and the children they mentor. They learned how to talk about this sensitive issue, meet with their mentees in a place where anybody could walk in, listen to a child if he or she raises a concern, and be more aware overall.

"This curriculum gives people simplified steps for a really difficult subject," said Shelley Smith, a *Stewards of Children* facilitator and member of Caring Connections' advisory committee.

Shelley was one of 10 facilitators trained at an October workshop in Charles City hosted by Prevent Child Abuse Iowa and the United Way of North Central Iowa. Many of the facilitators have worked together to bring sessions to Floyd, Chickasaw and Mitchell counties, including training a school district's entire staff this fall.

[Read the full story.](#)

## Andria Battaglia named development director at PCA Iowa

Andria Battaglia has joined Prevent Child Abuse Iowa as our development director. In this newly created position, she will be responsible for leading our fundraising efforts including developing donor relationships and organizing special events.



Her role will especially enhance our advocacy and awareness work, which are critical to building support needed to sustain and expand prevention efforts across the state.

"We have core support for our assistance work," said Steve Scott, PCA Iowa's executive director, "but our awareness and advocacy work relies on private funding, and we need a stronger base of support in this area."

In Andria's first week on the job, she found The ACE Study, which examines the impact of adverse childhood experiences on long-term health and well-being, as a compelling case for prevention.

"I felt a path was given to me," she said. "The ACE Study is such great research and something the community can wrap its heads and hearts around."

[Read more.](#)

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