

Community Vitality Center

A Catalyst for Creating Real Impact in Real Communities

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PHILANTHROPY ACADEMY IN AMES ON MARCH 21

Ames, IA – March 8, 2006 – The Community Vitality Center (CVC) will co-host the 3rd annual Community Philanthropy Academy on Tuesday, March 21st, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Hotel at Gateway Center in Ames, IA. Participants will hear state and national experts on philanthropy discussing the current status of Iowa’s initiatives and next steps in moving beyond startup to building endowments and donor legacies in support of community vitality and quality of life.

Highlighting best practices in philanthropy to support and economic growth and entrepreneurship will be John Molinaro, Associate Director of the Aspen Institute Community Strategies Group from Washington D.C..

A Discussion on collaboration between School Districts, School Foundations and Community Foundations will feature James Collogan, Director Iowa School Foundation Association; Mary Ann Burk, Community Foundation of Cedar Falls, Waterloo and Northeast Iowa; Ann Morgan, Bloomfield Superintendent and Davis County Community Foundation; and attorney Willard Boyd III from Des Moines.

Larry Stelter, President and CEO of Stelter Company will be leading a workshop on donor centered marketing, communications, and relationship building.

The Academy is sponsored by the Community Vitality Center, Iowa Council of Foundations, Iowa Department of Economic Development, Iowa State University Extension, Iowa Area Development Group, and Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center.

The registration is \$40.00 per person, including lunch and materials until March 14th. 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 for an accurate lunch count. The fee for those registering after March 14th or at the door is \$50.00.