

## Community Connection

August 2017

### and the 2017 Emerging Philanthropists Fund Grant Recipient is...Friends of Proctor Center!

Each year, the members of the Community Foundation of Central Illinois' Emerging Philanthropists Fund vote to decide the recipient of their annual grant award, which provides up to \$5,000 to support an innovative, evidence based program that is collaborative and unique.

Friends of Proctor Center is a committee of the Peoria Park District Foundation. Their proposal centered on a program called "A Show of Hands" that will initially provide unique hands-on experiences and activities for youth, families, and community members residing in the 61605 zip code of Peoria, IL. Once established, the program will reach across zip codes to join hands with all interested members of the community.



The Emerging Philanthropists Fund is an initiative designed by CFCI to invigorate emerging community leaders to join together and pool their financial resources as philanthropists by making a positive impact on the quality of life in our community through grantmaking. For more information or to join the Emerging Philanthropists Fund, please visit [www.communityfoundationci.org](http://www.communityfoundationci.org) or contact Kim James at (309) 674-8730.



## Scholarship Recipients Honored at Annual Reception

In the 2016-2017 fiscal year, The Community Foundation of Central Illinois distributed over \$242,000 in scholarship support to 96 recipients from a total of 43 scholarship funds. Many of the remarkable young people who were chosen to receive these scholarships recently joined CFCI for our Annual Scholarship Reception, which was held at the WeaverRidge Golf Club on July 18th.



Funding to support these scholarship initiatives would not be possible without the generous individuals who trust the Community Foundation to help them make a positive impact by connecting people who care with the causes that matter. Congratulations to all of our 2016-2017 scholarship recipients!



## Fall Grant Opportunities - Now Open!

The Community Foundation of Central Illinois (CFCI) invests in the community by supporting programs that address community needs and have lasting value. Therefore, CFCI's grantmaking is:

- *Focused* by addressing established CFCI and donor designated priorities.
- *Strategic* by supporting programs with well defined objectives and measurable outcomes that improve the quality or scope of charitable work in the community.
- *Collaborative* by leveraging resources and cultivating partnerships.

Currently, the following grant initiatives are open and accepting applications with a September 6th deadline:

[Community Needs Grants](#) - Apply for up to \$15,000 (multi-year proposals accepted)  
Available to organizations offering programs that align with the Grantmaking Principles and Elements CFCI supports.

[Women's Fund Success Grants](#) - Apply for up to \$5,000  
Supports organizations that align with the Women's Fund mission to strengthen families and communities through funding programs that help empower women and girls.

**Two NEW initiatives are also available and made possible through the generous support of John and Sharon Amdall:**

[The Local Jobs Fund](#) - Apply for up to \$2,500  
Supports projects that have a direct linkage to breaking the cycle of poverty by equipping people with the skills to earn significantly more than minimum wage.

[The Arts Mean Business Fund](#) - Apply for up to \$2,500  
Supports the generation of economic growth in the Peoria region through arts tourism, increased successful arts businesses, greater community participation in the arts, and financial support of the arts from local governments and economic development councils.

For more information on these and other grant opportunities, please visit  
[www.communityfoundationci.org](http://www.communityfoundationci.org).



# Meet Our New Board Members

## Don Forrest



Don Forrest began his career at Farnsworth Group in 1995 and is now the Business Development Manager at the Farnsworth Group-Peoria office. Prior to Farnsworth Group, Forrest was an independent GIS Consultant, GIS Manager for the City of Newport News VA, and GIS Director/Planner at the Tri-County Regional Planning. He attended Illinois State University, with an undergraduate degree in Geography and master's degree work in American History.

## Jeff Lange, CFP



As a Private Wealth Advisor, Jeff is responsible for advising clients on investment management, retirement planning, estate planning and settlement and trust administration. Jeff is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ practitioner with nearly 4 decades of experience. Jeff's areas of expertise include IRA planning and administration and use of trusts in estate planning. Jeff is a graduate of Iowa State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He is also a graduate of the American Bankers Association National Trust School and the American Bankers Association National Graduate Trust School.

Welcome Don & Jeff!



RSVP today for the Women's Fund Networking Event!

YOU'RE INVITED TO



# Networking with a Purpose

HOSTED BY THE  
WOMEN'S FUND  
OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017**

**4:30 - 5:30 P.M.**

SPECIAL RECEPTION FOR FOUNDING MEMBERS

**5:30 - 6:30 P.M.**

NETWORKING FOR POTENTIAL MEMBERS

\* 5:45 P.M. - SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY GRANTEES

**LIFE TOGETHER CENTER**

3625 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD, PEORIA, IL

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 4TH

RSVP@COMMUNITYFOUNDATIONCI.ORG

(309) 674-8730



Join us on Thursday, September 14th from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Life Together Center (3625 North Sheridan Road, Peoria, IL) for the Women's Fund "Networking with a Purpose" event. There will be a special Founding Members Reception from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. followed by a networking happy hour for potential members featuring a brief presentation from past Women's Fund grant recipients from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

RSVP by September 4th to (309) 674-8730 or by email at [rsvp@communityfoundationci.org](mailto:rsvp@communityfoundationci.org). For more information on the Women's Fund of the Community Foundation of Central Illinois, please visit [www.communityfoundationci.org](http://www.communityfoundationci.org).



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