

Community Connection Jan. 2018



The Gudat Family Honors the Life of a Hero



On January 23, 1983, Vernon "Butch" Gudat was fatally injured in the line of duty when a brick wall in a burning building collapsed. At that time, Gudat was the Peoria Fire Department Captain and served with the department for 16 years. For the past 11 years, the Gudat family has honored his legacy by awarding two scholarships to local youth and a fire prevention grant.

This year the family marked the 35th anniversary of Captain Gudat's death by issuing two \$1,500 scholarships to Shelby Davidson of East Peoria and Tobias Roderick of Dunlap. The recipients were chosen based on academic performance and short essays that were evaluated by a scholarship committee.

The Gudat Fund also provides an annual grant to the tri-county area to assist with the purchase of education materials, installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and other fire prevention efforts. The 2018 recipient of the \$1,000 grant is the Peoria Heights Fire Department.

When asked what the Gudat Fund means to his family, Mike Gudat said "Michele and I are honored to have the opportunity to honor our father with the living legacy of the Butch Gudat Fund. He would be pleased to see how much the Foundation has given back to the 24 students who have received the scholarships. Plus, he was passionate about fire safety and that's what our fire prevention grants promote. We are proud of the ultimate

sacrifice that he made and want to ensure that his memory lives on through the Gudat Fund."

For more information on the Gudat Fund and other CFCI initiatives, please visit communityfoundationci.org or call (309) 674-8730.



Scholarship Season Has Begun!

It's an exciting time at the Community Foundation as "scholarship season" has begun! There are some wonderful opportunities available and applications are currently open on our website. In 2017, with the help of our generous donors, CFCI distributed over \$242,000 in scholarship support to 96 recipients from a total of 43 scholarship funds! Many of these remarkable students were recognized at our annual Scholarship Reception this past July.

The following scholarship opportunities are currently open and accepting applications:

- Gerald C. Bulkeley Scholarship - deadline (March 1st)

Be sure to mark your calendar for the following scholarship opportunities opening in early February 2018:

- Paul A. Kinsinger, M.D. Memorial Scholarship - deadline (March 15th) - **Opens Feb 20th**
- The Chief William T. Bauer Scholarship - deadline (April 1st)
- Bleeding Disorders Community Scholarship - deadline (April 1st)
- Epilepsy Scholarship Fund - deadline (April 1st)
- Illinois Mutual Employees' Children Scholarship Fund - deadline (April 2nd)
- Dr. Valentine Jobst II Educational Fund Scholarship - deadline (April 1st)
- MidAmerica National Bank's Employees Children Scholarship Fund - deadline (April 1st)
- Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall Fund Scholarship - deadline (April 1st)
- Women in Leadership - deadline (April 1st)
- Jean M. Brown Nursing Scholarship Fund - deadline (June 1st)
- Peoria Chiefs Scholarship Fund - deadline (June 1st)

To view a complete list of scholarship initiatives, please visit communityfoundationci.org.



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EVENT

MARCH 28

5:00 - 7:00PM

LIFE TOGETHER CENTER

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The Emerging Philanthropists Fund is an initiative to encourage emerging community leaders to join together and make a lasting impact through community giving.

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Mark Your Calendar for These 2018 CFCI Grants

As you prepare for the coming year, please be sure to place these competitive grant opportunities on your calendar. Applications are accessible through our website and typically open two months prior to the deadline. The following are grant opportunities that will be offered through CFCI in 2018:

- **Community Arts Grants** - deadline (March 1st)
- **The Arts Mean Business Fund Grants** - deadline (March 1st)
- **Jean M. Ligon Animal Welfare Grants** - deadline (March 1st)
- **Emerging Philanthropists Fund Grant** - deadline (June 13th)
- **Community Needs Grants** - deadline (September 5th)
- **The Women's Fund Success Grants** - deadline (September 5th)
- **The Local Jobs Fund Grant** - deadline (September 5th)

For more information on grant opportunities available through the Community Foundation, please visit communityfoundationci.org or call (309) 674-8730.



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Legacy of Leadership Reception

LIFE TOGETHER CENTER
MARCH 6, 2018

Women to Women Leader Luncheon

PAR-A-DICE HOTEL & CASINO
MAY 23, 2018

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